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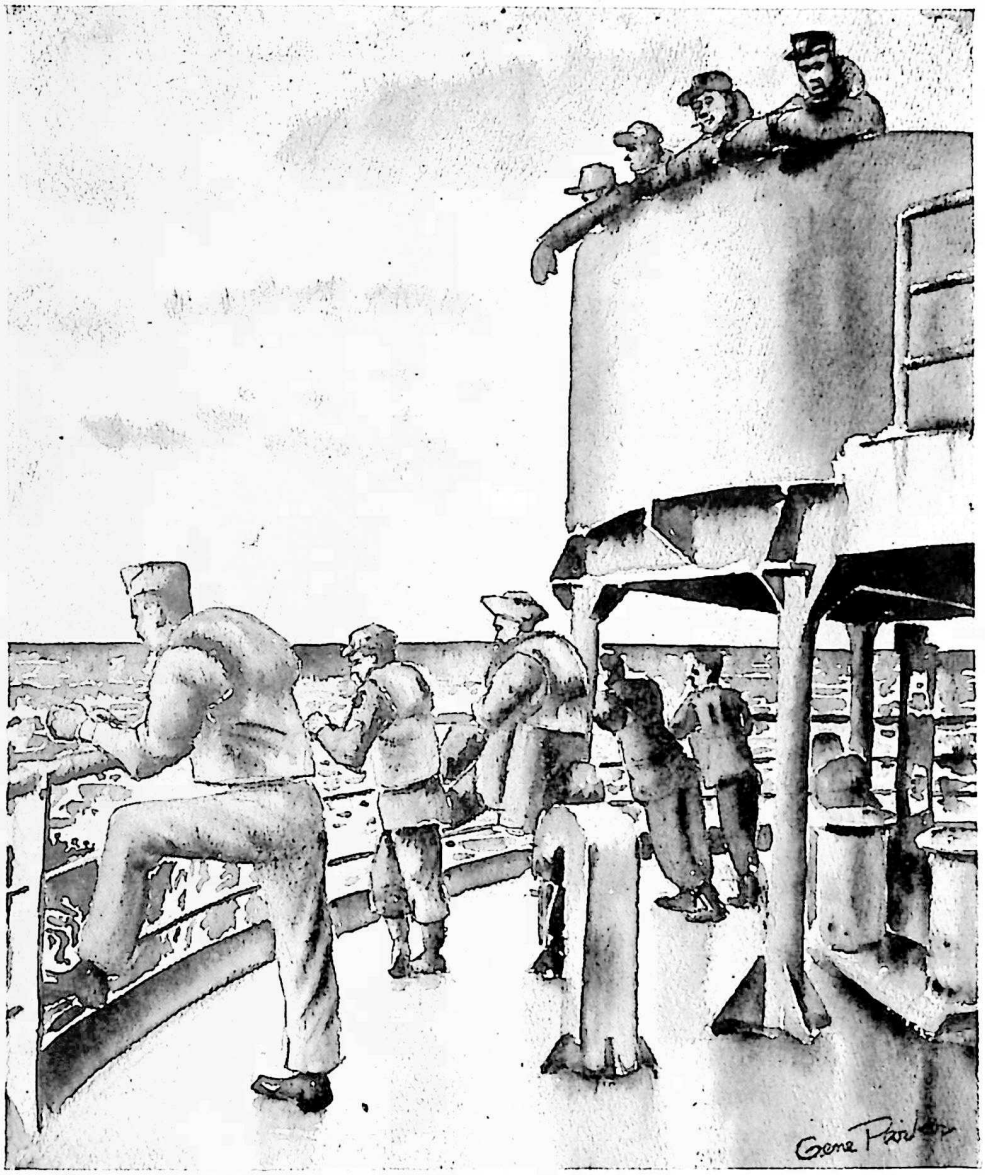


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# NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Doesn't it seem like a long time since last Yankee Doings? Well in case you did not notice it the February issue was cancelled and so will the April issue. WHY? Well if your representatives have been attending the executive meetings you should know why.

The change in the Fiscal year has brought about a fifteen month year and it has created an extra financial burden on our organization.

I am determined, if it is at all humanly possible not to spend any of the 1952 dues money that may come in between now and the end of June so that when your next Commander takes over he will have the full amount of money to budget for the complete year.

There are only TWO executive meetings left before Convention, one in Gloucester, on the third Sunday in April and the other is in Boston on the third Sunday in May. Those of you who have not been active on this committee (and especially you Past National Commanders) should make it your duty to attend them and help us with our pressing problems so that the YD can continue to flourish in the future.

Your nominating committee was selected at the last executive meeting and they should be meeting in the near future, so I hope you took my previous remarks about thinking of your future candidates seriously, so that when your representative sits in on that meeting he will have some names of men who are vitally interested in the future welfare of the Y. D. V. A.

Installations of Chapters and Departments are coming fast with some dates conflicting so that it will be impossible to attend them all. I have said many times first come first served and it will continue that way.

The Paris trip is shaping up and full details will be ready for the Convention. Hope to see a good turnout at the next Executive meeting in Gloucester and in closing let me say that if you are asked to help the Y. D. V. A. give it as much consideration as possible for this is YOUR outfit.

National Commander

MICHAEL J. DELL ISOLA.

# National Executive Committee Meeting

## New York, Feb. 23, 1952

The regular meeting of the National Executive Committee for February was held at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City immediately preceding the Annual Dinner of the New York Chapter.

There was a good attendance present. Treasurer Jackson gave a report of the finances of the Association. Amount of money in bank very low. He predicted a deficit of a few thousand dollars at end of fiscal year, June 30th as we will have four issues of Doings to pay for before then. Membership is 663 less than last year. Discussion on Treasurer's report put over to New Business.

Ways & Means Committee report: Chairman Amastae reported stamp project had brought in a net profit of around $1500.00. Suggests a $2.00 assessment on all members.

NEW BUSINESS: Bourget very pessimistic about the future of YD, if dues are not raised. PNC Turgen stated that membership should be appealed to for a voluntary contribution. National Treasurer said that Doings cost 1.79 for each member. PNC Herman spoke and urged renewals of members in arrears. A motion was made and passed to make up a letter to go out to all members explaining the situation of the Association and appeal to the members to give voluntary contributions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to consolidate the next four issues of Yankee Doings into two issues, March and April in one and May and June in the other.

A Committee was formed to look into the advisability of raising dues. The following were appointed on the Committee: Bourget, Chairman, Michael P. O'Connor, Earl Winkley, B. Amastae, Robt. Dickson, F. L. Jackson, and Fred Grandchamp.

### MARCH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The March meeting of the National Executive Committee was held at the YD Club of Springfield, Sunday, March 16th.

The meeting was opened at 3:50 p.m. by National Commander Dell Isola.

The regular order of business was suspended to hear two representatives of a Tourist Agency from Northampton to give their views on the proposed trip to France next year. They had prices that covered the regular vacation trips for passage alone including meals of $600.00 and $700.00 for round trip. On Informal Reunion Trips the passage, and hotel only, the booking on a group basis. Tourist $300. Cabin $510. Commander Grandchamp of the Providence Chapter had checked with an agency in Providence and his figures were about the same as the representatives from the Agency.

The letter mentioned in the last meeting was brought up and read. Several members criticized some of the wording of the letter. National Secretary Watts read a letter just sent out by the Boston Chapter telling of an increase of local dues and stated that another letter sent to Boston members would do more harm than good. It was decided to rewrite the letter and present it to the next meeting.

History report accepted as one of progress after National Secretary reported completion of the History would be shortly and would be ready for delivery at Convention. Convention report given by PNC Sullivan who stated that the Committee was hard at work and had most of their plans completed.

The Nominating Committee was selected: Albert Plante from R. I., James H. Sullivan from Massachusetts, Thomas Port from Conn., Clarence Anderson from New Hampshire, Melanson from Maine.

Next meeting will be held at Gloucester, April 20.

H. GUY WATTS,
*National Secretary*

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Andrew L. Quirk of A Company 101st Infantry is in the Cushing hospital, Framingham, Mass., for three months. Andy who is the brother-in-law of the late Congressmen W. P. Connery Jr., and Lawrence J. Connery, served with these two men in the famous Yankee Division in every major engagement in World War I in France for nineteen months.

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A reunion of all Retreads (Veterans of both World Wars I and II) will be held in Boston, Mass. on 1, 2, and 3 August 1952. Contact chairman Ross H. Currier, 108 Mass. Ave., Boston 15, Mass.

—Ross H. Currier.

## FROM THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

While it is imperative that the secretary of each chapter and department notify the national secretary H. Guy Watts, the names and addresses of the commander and secretary, I am about to ask a request.

Will the secretary of each chapter and department advise me of their list of officers, dates of installation with other particulars, proceedings and activities you may want to mention.

At least fellows, give me something to work with for the history of YDVA.

I fully appreciate the few who mail me their monthly bulletins and notices.

The articles in 'Yankee Doings' are my best and only source of information, when it isn't possible for me to travel to some chapter's event.

Unfortunately due to physical circumstances I missed the boat to Philly and New York.

It is always pleasing to note the articles of the endeavors and accomplishments of YD men, the present status of the 26th YD division and its command, and the chapter and department activities, not forgetting of course the Cohen's, Hall's, Thibault, Donovan of Chicago and the many others — but, always in the interest for the Good of the YD.

Now that the 1952 YD convention will be late in June, I feel Jack Donovan, you will be on hand. My registration has been made, early as usual. My only hope is endurance for that period.

Attention is also called by notices of illness, mishaps or in the passing of our comrades.

We are happy to learn Bunny Hunt, that you have left the hospital without the necessity of surgery and returned home to recuperate by rest. Hope these few months have brought you beneficial and profitable results. For your column in 'Yankee Doings' for Providence and the department of Rhode Island they will be missed until you are back to normal again.

I personally sympathize with you Howard, for it has been two and one half years since I was compelled to take a physical retirement, and at present no immediate prospect of returning to active employment in the near future. And I consider myself still a 'young fellow'.

About every five or six months an attack, rushed to the hospital, needled, injections, tests, several washings until you feel you might be pulled down the drain, go before the X-rays, results — no cause for surgery, advise — rest.

And to our national ladies auxiliary of two years — two national presidents, both stricken with serious illness during their term of office. The latter, Mrs. Betty Fallon, of Manchester, N. H., after two serious attacks went under the surgeon's knife.

But it is now learned that Betty has left the hospital and since her return home has been making rapid recovery, and will in the near future be expected to resume her YD activities.

A great deal of credit for Betty's rapid recovery might be given to that hard fighting demon of YD and department vice-commander of New Hampshire, Harold Fallon. (Oh, if you don't know Harold, he is Betty's husband and bill-payer). And of course there was Betty's red-head sister (a nurse) who played an important part, so I hear.

To our first national auxiliary president Mrs. Ruth Meteyer, of Bradford and Haverhill, it was encouraging to read that you have been able to attend some of the local YD functions and trust that full recovery is near completion.

With another national YD convention but weeks away and with Mike Dell Isola's baby — that 1953 trip to France — "Doctor, what's our chance to rejuvenate"?

With me I have no gripes, for its just plain Johnny, and I wish you the same.

With YD the best is none too good. It has been my pleasure to have served.

JOHN J. GOSS,
National Historian Y. D. V. A.

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5066 Main St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.
Feb. 20, 1952.

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following in your next publication: "A Seicheprey reunion of Company I, 102nd Infantry, YD will be held on April 19th at the Wonder Bar Restaurant, Berlin, Conn., right on the Bridgeport-Hartford Turnpike Merritt Parkway, including veterans' wives. Any information desired regarding this affair, get in touch with Earl Girard, 5066 Main Street, Bridgeport, Conn. As many as 200 turned out for a buddy's funeral. Are we more popular dead? Let's have a good turn-out."

Yours very truly,

—Earl Girard.

## NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

You are probably wondering why Doings is so late this month. At the last National Executive Committee meeting after the report of the Treasurer, it was found that our finances were very low and no dues coming in for the next four months, and with four issues of Doings to pay for we would have an estimated deficit of $3000 at the end of the fiscal year.

In order to cut down this deficit it was decided to combine the next four issues of Doings into two. The March and April combined issue to come out the first week in April and the May and June to come out about the middle of May. That was to have the Nominating Committee's report and the final report of the Convention.

Membership cards are being printed now and will be sent to the Chapters very shortly. We hope that all members will try and pay their dues as early as possible to help us tide over this very critical time, which was caused by the extra three months that the change in by-laws made necessary for this past year.

In checking on Membership for the past six or seven years we find there has been a steady decline in all Departments since 1947 (that was the year that the W W II members came in). It is my opinion that the cause of the condition we find ourselves in at this time is wholly due to the drop in membership. Every hundred members we lose means a loss of $250.00 to the Association and we have at the present time many times the present total of members paid up on the delinquent files. Can we get them back? YES, if Chapter members will work to bring their total membership to what it was in 1947. Start now to get back those in arrears.

## NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

The Army Times, in its issue of October 13, 1951, published an account of a successful lawsuit against the government by a veteran which brought him in some money. The attorney in this suit was Col. Thomas H. King, 1624 I St., N. W., Wash. 6, D. C.

Some members who feel that the government owes them money have written, asking us whether it would be worth while to follow suit and what it would cost.

I have gone over the matter with Mr. King personally and have sent them the following advice:

Get all your material together and then boil it down to one page. Submit this summary to National Judge Advocate Cresswell and ask him whether he thinks you will win. If he believes you will, then go ahead with King.

Mr. King's terms are that he will take a case only if he believes that his client will win, that he wants a retainer fee of $300 to cover expenses plus something less than $150 for printing etc. If he wins, he will charge something less than 10% of the total amount obtained by his client. He considers this total amount as that obtained by his client over the years until his, (the client's), death, estimating the number of years on life insurance actuarial figures.

Joseph K. Surls, M.D.,
130 East End Ave.,
New York 28, N. Y.

## COHEN:—

Reading all of "Doings" is a habit with me, therefore, your article on the organization of a Past Department Commanders' Club was somewhat disappointing. Gardner Hall at Springfield installation, two years ago, asked what I thought of the idea. My answer then and now was, "It's the best thing that could happen in YD. Why? How many good men can you name that have held the office of commander, both Chapter and Department attended all National Executive Board meetings during their term of office, only to be dropped by the wayside when their term expired; to be made to feel they no longer belong; if they say a word after their year is up. That's what happened to me; maybe it has happened before.

We cannot all be National Commanders, even if we were blessed with the time and money to carry out the duties of the office.

The Department of Massachusetts introduced an article at the Worcester Convention to make all Past Department Commanders life members of the National Executive Board. It was never brought on the floor. Why? Should we not form a club of men who have been, and still are, interested in YD who could and would stop anything like that, by keeping a line on what has and is taking place. Let's not think of just ME, but YD by doing what is best for the Y. D. V. A.

John Meffin,
Past Commander Dept. Mass.

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## YD MAN GIVEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN V.F.W. POST

Dr. W. P. S. Keating of Willimantic, Conn., was presented an honorary life membership in Gold Star post, No. 1724, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Feb. 10. The presentation was made by Commander Joseph Kaminski and recognizes the long service to veterans by Dr. Keating who is a past department surgeon.

Gifts were presented during the evening to John D. Gallivan and all distinguished visitors and included carnation corsages to every lady attending.

The occasion was the annual past commanders and past presidents dinner of the organization and the repast was served by Gerard St. Laurent, caterer.

Postmaster James J. Lee, a past national inspector general, was toastmaster and speakers included Past Department Commander Patsy Testa of Hartford, PDP Katherine Tinker of New London, and assistant service officer George C. Smith of Hartford.

Dr. W. P. S. Keating was born March 31, 1874 in Manchester, Conn., a son of William M. and Mary J. Stuart Keating. He attended the public schools of Manchester and also its high school and early determined upon medicine as his life's work. Entering Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia, Pa., he completed a four year course and was graduated in 1899 and in April came to Willimantic to practice with the late Dr. John Weldon.

His accomplishments were such as to lead him into other aspects of medicine, such as public health and he was city health officer of Willimantic for several years. He has also served on the board of education and was school physician.

His military service began in 1913 and he was a first lieutenant in the Connecticut National Guard. He served with the First Connecticut infantry on the Mexican border in 1916 at Nogales, Ariz. He was particularly acclaimed among the Connecticut people at that time for saving the life of Charles North of Rockville, a private in C. A. First Connecticut infantry who was struck by lightning. Given up for dead Private North was treated by Dr. Keating and his assistants for four and a half hours and finally regained consciousness and was sent to a hospital and recovered.

Dr. Keating was mustered out of the Mexican border service on October 26, 1916 and on March 17, 1917 was again called to the colors and assigned from New Haven to the 102nd Infantry regiment, 26th division, as first lieutenant in the Medical corps of World war I. He served in the front line trenches in the Soisson sector, was on active duty at Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood where he was gassed. He was later transferred to Bordeaux, France and was in charge of a German prisoner of war camp where there were 1,000 prisoners and while there was advanced to the rank of captain. He left France on July 3, 1919 and was mustered out of service a major at Camp Upton, N. Y., on July 21, 1919. On March 1st, 1930 he was appointed resident surgeon at Fitch's Home for Soldiers at Noroton Heights, serving until April 1, 1937 when he returned to Willimantic to resume the practice of medicine.

Dr. Keating has been interested in veterans affairs for many years. He helped organize the James J. Shea post No. 19, American Legion and served as its first commander continuing in office from 1919 to 1929. He is a past commander of the Gold Star post No. 1724, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a past department surgeon and has been on many of its committees.

He is also a past president of Windham county chapter, Yankee Division Veterans association, and past president of Willimantic chapter No. 39, Disabled American Veterans. He started doing work for veterans in 1899 putting through claims for Civil war and Spanish war veterans, and is an honorary member of both affiliated organizations.

Being interested in music Dr. Keating was organist at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church for six years prior to World war I.

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## JUNE 26 - 27 - 28 - 29, 1952

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Registration Headquarters will be at the Hawthorne Hotel and American Legion Headquarters.

REGISTRATION will be open all day Wednesday.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Registration all day.

Opening of Convention: Business Meeting of YD Veterans Association.
Welcome to Gloucester by City Officials.
Introduction of distinguished visitors.

Meeting will be held at the Armory ..... 5:00 p.m.
Boat Rides on famous Fishing Fleet Vessels; Sight-seeing Trips.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 27

YD Veterans Association Business Meeting. Armory ..... 10:00 a.m.
Boat Rides — Sight-seeing Trips.

Military Ball at Hawthorne Inn ..... 8:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 28

YD Veterans Association Business Meeting. Armory ..... 10:00 a.m.
Election of Officers.

Monster Parade ..... 3:30 p.m.

Regimental and Company Banquets ..... 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29

YD Memorial Services. St. Ann's Church ..... 11:00 a.m.

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## THE MYSTERY MAN RETURNS TO DUTY

Well here I am again back on the job again. I guess that I am sort of a mystery man because after I had entered the hospital supposedly for an abdominal operation new X-Rays showed that the tumor had disappeared entirely. Sort of baffling to all concerned I guess. But I'm mighty thankful that I didn't have to be cut up. I am feeling loads better and I guess now I will come along OK.

I felt that I should take this opportunity thru our magazine to thank Guy Watts for putting that piece in about me. While it wasn't as I would have had it, I know that Guy did his best and certainly got the information across to the gang. I want to state right here and now that it is awfully good to know that one has so many friends when illness occurs. I was literally swamped with cards from the YD, my own office and other friends. I would particularly like to express my appreciation and thanks to the following YD folks: Al Gifford and Melzar P. Sampson of Plymouth Chapter; Clyde O. Elliott, Worcester (and incidentally he is in the Vet's Hosp. at Framingham so send him some cards too); Jake Eaton, Bob Eley, Eric Lee, Chick Story, Jack Osterberg, Fred Mortensen, Jim Girvan, Larry Cook, Fred Vogt, all of Providence Chapter; Good ole C. B. Bishop, Btry C 102nd F. A. and the gang who won the war; Sam Marcus and Tom Porter of the Dept. of Conn.; Ed Dulude of Cleveland; Guy Watts of Boston; Lewis Wright of Ohio; and all the boys and girls who signed the lovely card at the last Dept. of Rhode Island meeting held by Kent County Chapter for the swell get well cards sent to me. If I have missed any, and there were lots more, please accept my thanks now.

Hope that now I can get back into the swing of things, in a mild sort of way and help give the YD the spirit, the lift, and some of the push that we used to have. I'll do my best anyway. Don't forget we may be sick and flat on our backs for a while but that good old YD spirit can never be taken away from us. Let's Keep YD alive and healthy. Thanks again to one and all.

Howard W. Hunt PDC.,
*Secretary-Treasurer,*
Providence Chapter, YDVA

## EDITOR'S PAGE

Thirty-four years ago between March 18th and 21st the Yankee Division were on the move having finished their first period of training in the Chemin-des-Dames sector, we relieved the First Division on March 28th, 1918, Apremont, Seicheprey, Boucq, Bois de Remieres and Bois de Jury, us old timers can look back and truthfully say "Those were the spirited days." See you in Springfield — April 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1952.

I would give one bit of advice to the critics of preference for the veteran if they were here. We veterans have reason to complain frequently that the enemies of veterans' preference do not know the law. We ask the critics of veterans' preference to obtain an accurate account of the law before proceeding to oppose it. Very often, I do not venture to say how often we do find those who oppose veterans' preference suffer from misunderstanding inadequate information or false assumption.

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Feb. 22, 19

Yankee Doings
c/o Guy Watts.

Hello Old Timer:

What a nice feeling and a big thrill to see our own General Eddie Sirois on the cover of our magazine. Was mighty proud to hear of his promotion to head our own Yankee Division.

We old cannoneers from down here in Little Rhody are very happy to know one of our old boys from Battery C 102nd F.A. is the top man with a top outfit. That's right, Buddy Eddie comes from C Battery. The Lawrence Battery Pal, a great guy of guys from a great regiment and a great division. So good luck to General Eddie Sirois from one of the last survivors of the old outfit from R. I.

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Dear Comrades:

Years ago I recall a great team by the name of Gallagher and Shean who were stars in the entertainment world. Without a doubt they brought many hours of happiness and pleasure to people in their time.

In reading Doings I see where we now have a team of our own by the name of Cohen and Hall. As good YDers it is their one ambition in life to render service to our YDVA, in an effort to make it a bigger and better organization. Their pet objective is to form a PDC's Club which they believe will put new life into our association. Am I right, Mr. Cohen? Am I wrong, Mr. Hall.

Personally, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Hall I am opposed to your ideas. In my opinion it wouldn't work out to the best of all concerned. From a geographical point of view, even in New England, the distance involved from the borders of N. H. to the extremes of Connecticut would be one obstacle in getting the PDC's to attend meetings. Taking for granted that your one big aim is MEMBERSHIP where is the money coming from to finance such a campaign? Then again, my good friends, Cohen and Hall, our PDC's worked their way up the ladder from one office to another. From your own experience you know that while in office they gave their best in their endeavor to build our organization up. From my past experience with them I don't think that they would want to start all over again in giving their precious time. Am I right, Mr. Cohen? Am I wrong, Mr. Hall.

True, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Hall I agree with you that there is a trend in our YDVA which is not in our favor. From what I've read in Doings I am under the impression we have lost many members. To men of your YD spirit I know the news is discouraging. In an endeavor to stop the trend Gardiner Hall has taken the initiative to form this new organization therefore, I believe it is the duty of every PDC in YDVA to write a letter to Gardiner Hall, So. Willington, Conn. and pass your opinion on his suggestion. Don't be afraid to speak your own mind as Mr. Hall is one comrade in this YDVA who plays the game under the ethics of good sportsmanship. Am I right, Mr. Cohen. Am I wrong, Mr. Hall.

Personally speaking, I believe our PDC's can accomplish more in their own territory working as individuals where they are known and respected by their friends. In the past I have worked with our PDC's on membership drives and the many methods we used are too numerous to mention. When every method failed we resorted to that sure-fire form of PERSONAL contact. When that failed it was our last hope. I wonder, comrades, if this would be the ultimate decision our PDC's would have to make in order to get that NEW or OLD member. What's your opinion? Am I right, Mr. Cohen. Am I wrong, Mr. Hall.

For reasons unknown to me there is a trend in our YDVA which indicates if it is not stopped that we are on our way to the valley of oblivion from whence there is no return. In reading Doings some of our commanders and secretaries are blaming lack of interest and television. Could it be, comrades, that old age has finally mastered the spirit of youth that enabled us to carry on from the stinking chalk caves of Chemin-des-Dames to the God forsaken Argonne forest. Am I right, Mr. Cohen? Am I wrong, Mr Hall.

In this era of 1952 we are an organization that is living from hand to mouth. We are not possessed of enough of the almighty dollars to send our National Commander on a tour of the country to whip new life into our organization and put on a MEMBERSHIP drive which would combine the new and old YD. If we are to reach the heights we once enjoyed it is up to every individual member to take on a new lease of life. If we don't it is only a matter of time before we'll be living in the memories of the past that we were once a great outfit. Am I right, Mr. Cohen? Am I wrong, Mr. Hall?

In conclusion, comrades I've got to get back to work with a fellow called Murray as we are building a boat. It could be that Robert Christopher Murray and William Columbus McAllister will be the first two YD men to row from Boston to Brest. Do you think we'll make it Mr. Cohen? Do you think we'll sink, Mr. Hall?

Yours in Comradeship,

BILL MCALLISTER

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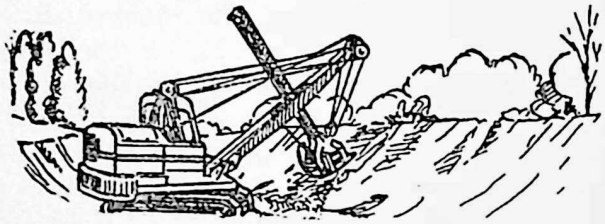

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Resolution from Chicago Chapter to amend the by-laws relating to National Officers, etc.

### ARTICLE XI

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The annual convention shall elect a National Commander, a Sr. Vice Commander, a Jr. Vice Commander, a National Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, one National Chaplain, one National Historian, a National Judge-Advocate, a National Americanization Officer and a National Service Officer.

The National Commander shall appoint a National Sergeant-at-Arms for the duration of his own term of office unless sooner removed by him.

Section 2. The annual convention shall elect a National Executive Committee which shall be composed of the National Officers; the Commanders of each of the nine Departments; every Past National President or Past National Commander of this Association whose active membership shall be in good standing, and five members at large, with no two members at large coming from the same Dept.

Section 3. Such National officers and members of the National Executive Committee so elected at the Annual Convention shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until their successors are duly qualified and elected.

Section 4. The National Executive Committee shall appoint a National Secretary, who shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until his successor is chosen. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint an Assistant Secretary on the recommendation of the National Secretary.

Section 5. The same as Section 4 of the 1946 Amended Constitution.

Section 6. The same as Section 5 of the 1946 Amended Constitution, with the insertion of — "except that traveling expenses of the National Commander, the Sr. Vice Commander, the Jr. Vice Commander and the National Secretary, incurred in the performance of their duties, may be approved by a vote of the National Executive Committee."

Section 7. The National Commander, the Sr. Vice Commander, the Jr. Vice Commander, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary (if there is one), the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall perform the duties and have the power usually incidental to their offices, excepting that the National Executive Committee will have complete jurisdiction over the duties of the National Secretary, his assistant, and the National Treasurer and his assistant. All other officers shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Executive Committee.

Section 8 and Section 9. The same as Sections 7 and 8 of the 1946 Amended Constitution.

Section 10. That no one Department have the right of succession to the office of National Commander unless it has the unanimous approval of all delegates to the National Convention.

### ARTICLE XV

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Eliminate all of Section 1.

# DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

**National Commander: Michael Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.**
**National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**Commander: Michael P. O'Connor, 60 Maple St., Florence, Mass.**
**Secretary: Hoyt D. Clark, Rockland Heights, Northampton, Mass.**

### STATE MEETING

Minutes of the State Meeting held in Northampton, Mass., March 2, 1952.

This meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Old High School Building by Commander Michael P. O'Connor followed by the regulation opening exercises with P.S.C. Burnham Chaplain pro temp.

At officers roll call it was reported that Treasurer Elliott was in the hospital and that Chaplain Tarleton was in Florida. The Service Officer, the Judge Advocate, and the Historian were AWOL with all

others accounted for.

The Drawing Committee reported that the drawing for the prizes would be in Lynn, April 6th.

A Resolution from the Northampton Chapter was read concerning a change in the National By-Laws for the legibility of World War II into YDVA. It was voted to refer this to New Business.

Then P.S.C. John Meffin moved that the State go on record for an amendment in the National By-Laws — That Past Department Commanders shall become members of the National Executive Committee. After much discussion it was so voted. When the resolution from the Northampton Chapter was brought up as new business there was plenty of pro and con but it was not adopted to a vote of 7 yes, 12 no.

In the voting for the new State officers, each candidate was presented individually — time allowed for nomination from the floor — then nominations were closed and so voted. After taking each individual office, the secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the following:

Commander—Edwin Streeter, Lynn Chapter
Senior Vice—Harold Nute, Worcester Chapter
Junior Vice—Ernest Tetrault, Northampton Chap.
Treasurer—Clyde Elliott, Worcester Chapter
Chaplain—Roy Reimer, Boston Chapter
Service Officer—Allen A. Lyndell, Boston Chapter
Judge Advocate—Emile Thibault, Salem Chapter
Historian—Bronislaw Amastae, Fitchburg Chap.

The newly elected State Commander Edwin Streeter made a few remarks and appointed Edmund Trudell his secretary and Sheldon Goodwin his sargeant-at-arms.

Invitations were accepted from Gloucester the 1st Sunday in May and Springfield, the 1st Sunday in June.

The best news is that the Clinton Chapter is coming back. Hoyt D. Clark
*State Secretary.*

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17 January, 1952.

Dear Guy:

I think that this will help a lot at this time, to get out some of those members of dormant Chapters, who would like to see their Chapter rebuilt. I will as State Commander, try out a plan to have meetings in cities and towns that need to be re-activated. Anyway, it is where Chapters have folded, and they may see it is worth a try, and we can't lose anything by doing this new innovation.

Will you check up and see that what can be done about having the May meeting at some city where a Chapter used to function. I think that May will be the best time to start as February, and March are already lined up and the Department installation is to take place in Lynn, if I go into office, and it will afford a little more time to contact the key men in the city of our choice so that they can prepare for our visit. You asked me to remind you of this, so that you would have the time for making the contact. Edwin Streeter.

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## BEVERLY

**Commander: Daniel L. Haskell**
**3 Goldsmith Ave., Beverly, Mass.**
**Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Wallace**
**33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.**

The Beverly Chapter held its annual meeting on Monday, March 3rd at the Post No. 12 American Legion home, at which time the following officers were elected for the coming year: Commander, Norman L. Day; Vice Commander, Bruce Lancaster; Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas J. Wallace; Chaplain, Harold Heald; Sgt-at-Arms, Daniel L. Haskell; Trustee, Daniel L. Haskell.

During the Chapter meeting Dan Haskell made a report of his year as Commander, which was indeed a very successful one. Although we do not have a very large amount of money in our treasury, we do have a wonderful membership for the past year and they in turn are planning to provide ways and means to raise funds to work with.

Our membership for the past year has increased to sixty, an increase of fifteen, through reinstatements and new members. When you look around and see what some other Chapters are doing, we think that we are doing tops.

Getting back to our March meeting, plans were talked over relative to Memorial Day. Each year, our Chapter joins in with the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War Posts, in the activities. Rollie Standley passed the hat to take care of those who do not wear their berets, and it paid off. So fellows if you do not want to get caught, be sure to wear your beret on the first Monday of each month.

The Beverly Chapter regrets to hear of the passing

of Robert Ladue, of Roslindale, who was well known to those of us in 101st F. A.

About our sick list, I met William Campbell on the street a short time ago, and he is improving slowly, but still has to be very careful. Charlie L'Heureux, who has been confined to Beverly hospital with arthritis is home again, and coming along fine, and hopes to return to work very soon.

—Thomas J. Wallace, *Secy.*

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## BOSTON

**Commander: William F. Connors**
**24 Garner Road, Dorchester, Mass.**
**Secretary: H. Guy Watts**
**200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

### YD CLUB OF BOSTON BRIEFS

Because the YDVA, through necessity, is combining the last four issues of Yankee Doings some of these briefs may be a bit on the aged side — so please bear along with us and get caught up with the news of who's who and what they are up to around the Boston YD Club.

Frank the Bear Bogle, is rapidly recovering from his operation. For a while it seemed that the Bear was to take on a new name — Fu-Man-Chu Bogle.

George Newman, returned from a recent visit to Florida and he reports that he met Mark King and reports that Mark is getting on in years but is still the same affable Mark.

Jim Cresswell had the misfortune to break his hip and at this time is still confined to West Roxbury Vets. hospital. A small card would be appreciated by Jim.

Goldie, the under-cover man for Joe Cronin of the Red Sox's, is rapidly getting into shape for the coming season.

Frank White had a hard time of it for a month or more but is now looking to be in excellent shape. Mustn't quit now, Frank.

Thanks to "Wullie Rily–" our Gilbert Stuart, for the two very beautiful murals over the bar in the cocktail lounge.

To those of you who are interested in the Club — as evidenced by your continued membership year after year, you must have been doing some thinking over the financial report of our Al Pacifici at the March meeting and printed in a previous Doings. Though the cash account was small, remember we have increased our net worth in assets by the constant repairing and dressing up of the Club property. Your good will is needed. Your patronage of your own Club lounge is one way to help.

For another year we are to have a 101st Infantry man for our president. Bill Connors, capable and sincerely a YD man will be sure to give us a good year. So let's all get into the swim with him.

The YD Post No. 290 A.L., under the capable leadership of Farrell Trayers, is battling to keep its rightful recognition among all of the many Vet units now utilizing the Club as their meeting place. They, the active members of the YD Post, earnestly solicit your membership and support in the best Legion Post of them all — YD 290 A. L.

Do you know that the YD Club of Boston has an excellent orchestra playing each Saturday evening at the Club? No charge. Just drop in with your lady and enjoy an evening of dancing with your own friends.

A Special Meeting of the YD Club of Boston was held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday evening, February 5, 1952 for the purpose of changing the By-laws to coincide with the National By-laws of the YD Veterans Association in regard to the fiscal year and also to change the amount of National dues from $2.00 to $2.50, which the National Convention voted on at the last Annual Meeting. Also to discuss the possibility of raising the local dues of the Boston Chapter.

The following motions were presented, Seconded and Passed. That the fiscal year of the Club run from July 1st thru June 30th. That the amount of National dues be increased from $2.00 to $2.50. That the total amount of dues paid to the YD Memorial Club of Boston (which includes National dues) will be $10.00 a year.

A letter was sent out to the Membership explaining, because of the increased cost of operating the Club that dues had to be increased. We are hoping to have all members renew their membership next year and have made provisions for those on fixed incomes to pay in installments if they desire.

At the Annual Business meeting the following were elected to serve on the Board of Governors for the coming year.

Commander, William F. Connors; 1st Vice Commander, Edward J. Kane; 2nd Vice Commander, George F. Johnson; 3rd Vice Commander, George A. McDonald; Treasurer, Albert M. Pacifici; Secretary, H. Guy Watts; Directors: for one year, Albert

E. McPhee and Joseph F. Carroll; for two years, John W. Coughlin and Joseph H. Gillis; for three years, Frank J. Brennan and Andrew Duncan.

—John H. Smith.

## DANVERS

**Commander: Paul Aiken**
**5 Charles St., Danvers**
**Secretary: Charles W. Davis**
**21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.**

Danvers Chapter held their February meeting as usual at Mrs. Pike's Inn. Yours truly being in Florida at the time but our first Commander Harold B. Williams took over and the meeting was very successful. Harold tells me twenty-six showed up. I have not much Chapter news to report but I can say I had a very pleasant 30 days in Florida. I ran into George Farnum, 101st F. A., in Coral Gables. Then while in Sarasota walking down the Main street somebody hollered, hey! Charlie Davis, and who was it but our own member from Danvers Chapter Benny Kimball, E Btry, 101st F.A. Benny is going to locate in Sarasota. Then up to Clearwater I go, and on the way over to Clearwater Beach I saw this fellow with a YD beret and lo! and behold, a comrade I see at all YD conventions from New Haven Chapter, I forget his name but he knew me and I recognized him, then the next day up at Bellaire I called on Bert Pine another Danvers Chapter member.

All in all it was a fine trip, if you want to see veterans' hospitals you should see the one at Coral Gables and the one at Bay Pine, St. Petersburg, boy what homes, me for Florida in my old age.

Harold Williams is having trouble with his back again, he was laid up all last week. Earl Pauley is improving but can't go back to work yet. Harvey Bishop has come back from a month's trip to Florida with his Mrs., and who is the blonde Harvey, friend of Millie's I suppose. Well that's enough for this trip.

—C. Davis, *Secy.*

## FITCHBURG

**Commander: Richard F. Robinson**
**46 Goddard St., Fitchburg, Mass.**
**Secretary: Charles H. Audet**
**114 Laurel St., Fitchburg, Mass.**

A very well attended meeting was held at the Chapter room on Lincoln Day, giving the new officers their continued support. The meeting sounded like everyone had something on their mind, events were planned, motions were made and passed faster than the Secretary could take them down, but it was a great meeting and enjoyed by all, even Fat Gagne got into the act, that is when the hot dogs were passed around.

With the list of events planned such as the Ladies Night, the annual convention and the annual outing it looks like the gang will be busy attending the YD get togethers.

It was with great satisfaction that BRONISLAW AMASTAE must have enjoyed to see a gang of men stand up and greet his asking for support in his behalf of running for National Commander. This fellow is certainly a great YD first and a veteran always, having been a Past Commander of the Fitchburg Chapter and Past Commander of Lt. Lawrence Ayer Post VFW. While serving in both of these positions he proved without a doubt to be a very valuable leader to the organizations. The present National Commander has placed him on one of the most thankless committees, ways and means, and again he has proved himself most valuable. Brownie as we call him will receive the full support of this chapter because we know that the YD will prosper under his guidance.

Brownie, Mike and O'B are going to attend the New York Installation on the George Washington week-end. Fast company O'B so fly low. Have a good time fellows.

We have a number of members in and out of the hospitals, George H. Ware, and John Healy just came out of the Burbank hospital, Frank Nutile at Cushing, Basil Norman at Manchester V. A. hospital and Gaylord Norman still at home and not too well.

Hope that you guys are all praying for health and wealth or vice-versa for the 1953 convention in Paris. The prospect looks good and two tickets on a winning horse in the Irish Sweepstakes out to take me through the convention.

Yours truly is attending the sun worshippers convention in Florida while the rest of the gang greet the snow with shovels. So till March the 11th at 8:00 p.m. keep warm, fellers.

—Charles H. Audet, *Secy.*

## GLOUCESTER CHAPTER

**Commander: Thomas C. Nolan**
**Story Road, Magnolia, Mass.**

**Secretary: Chester H. Grant**
**Englewood Road, Magnolia, Mass.**

Membership in the Chapter is moving right along, and keeping pace with it is the newly organized ladies' auxiliary. The auxiliary really put on a bang-up inauguration, installation, initiation, inception, or whatever you wish to call the baptism of a newly formed auxiliary, on Sunday, February 24. Mrs. Loretta Huntley, State Department President, Y. D. V. A. Auxiliary, did a very capable job of installation, assisted by Mrs. Lillian Braz, State Sergeant-at-Arms. The installation was held in the Legion Home in Gloucester, and many well-wishers from the citizens of Gloucester were present; also all other Veteran organizations.

The Convention committee is meeting every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Y. D. V. A. headquarters formulating and working out all the details of your convention. Any and all advice or assistance is solicited. We hope to put on a bang-up series of regimental and company reunions, but in order to do so, must have the names of the contact men in each unit. Please forward the names of such contact men immediately to your scribe.

We are temporarily stymied in working out a program book for the convention by reason of the fact that the American Legion has also chosen Gloucester to be the site of its State convention, and are working out and with local merchants to establish their own program book. One of the reasons that your local Chapter was late in setting up this book came about by dependence upon other persons who failed to come through.

In a short time a letter will go to all of the other chapters requesting that they sell a certain amount of advertising, and we trust that you will all cooperate with us to that extent. A letter will be forwarded in a short time to the entire membership together with advance registrations.

We urge all members who intend to be with us to forward such advance registrations immediately in order that their request for room reservations may be taken care of.

## LYNN

**Commander: Leon W. Varnam**
**174 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.**

**Secretary: Edmond Trudell**
**67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.**

With the bad weather out of the way our activities should pick up from now on. Commander Leon Varnam has appointed Edwin Streeter to head our Blood Bank, and he will appoint his own committee. William Eddows was appointed chairman of our annual Tag Day for our Hospital Fund, said event to be held as Apremont Days on April 25th & 26th.

On February 18th the Lynn Chapter once again presented the YD Medal at the competition drill by Engineers at Lynn Armory.

Leonard Burnham was appointed chairman of the Chapter's installation to be held in April. Thomas Curran and Leon Varnam are co-chairmen of State Department installation to be held also in April.

Our monthly smokers under direction of S.V.C. Sheldon Goodwin are still going strong.

We have a long sick list which includes: Edgar Barnes, Francis Guindon, Frank Connolly, Holman Stanchfield, Thomas Brady, Henry Graham, Joseph Trimble, Daniel McDonough, Francis Tetlow, Eben Brunning, Albert Michaud, Warren Barrows, Chester Mathews, William Goodwin, Henry Sullivan, Clarence Howard.

At our recent Christmas Party at Soldiers' Home Hospital, Chelsea, the Chapter presented a Mucus Suction Machine in memory of Charles E. "Ned" Conway, Battery A, 101st F.A.. Presentation being made by P.N.C. A. Raymond Doucette.

—The Duke.

## NEW BEDFORD

**Commander: Alphonse Fortin**
**20 Reynolds St., New Bedford, Mass.**
**Secretary: Dester D. DuBois**
**106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.**

Plans are being prepared to hold a Chowder Supper in the YD quarters sometime during March, just as soon as Commander Fortin decides when and how. Cards will be mailed to you as to the date. It will be the first gathering in the quarters since the place has been renovated, so be there and this a MUST.

Twenty-five letters have been sent to the comrades who lag in their dues. Got ONE respondent, how come, where is everybody?

P. C. Blanchette is at home, so is Ralph Swift, Harold Kenyon is at the Framingham Veterans hospital. These comrades would like to hear from you, so drop in and see them or drop the comrades a card.

—Dester D. DuBois.

## NORTHAMPTON

**Commander: Edward T. Poudrier**
**303 Riverside Dr., Northampton, Mass.**
**Secretary: William B. Greenough**
**Hatfield, Mass.**

Saturday February 2nd 1952, we of Northampton Chapter laid to rest our beloved comrade Joseph F. Gray who served with Co J 104th Infantry during World War I.

Dept. of Mass. Commander Michael P. O'Connor assumed charge of the military phase of the funeral in the absence of Commander Poudrier who is confined to a hospital. He was assisted by Senior Vice Lavallee, Jr. Vice Latham, Chaplain Greenough, and Sgt-at-Arms Wright.

The bearers were Thos. Lannon, Arthur Britt, George Horton, George O'Hara, John Flynn, and Albert Packard.

Delegations from Col. Williams Post VFW, Northampton and Thomas F. Curtin Post 8006 Florence, attended. Firing squad and buglers were from the Westover Air Base.

—Bill Greenough, *Secy.*

## SALEM CHAPTER

**Commander: George Bingle**
**284 Jefferson Ave., Salem, Mass.**
**Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier**
**22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.**

On Sunday afternoon February 10th we held our nomination of officers for the coming year: For Commander George Bingle and Charles Moshgarian; Vice Commander, Johnny Burbine; Junior Vice Commander, Napolean Leblanc; Treasurer (Count) Charles Laforme; Historian Gus (Long Looks) Madore; Chaplain, Paul (Huckle Berry Finn) Galivan; Judge Advocate, (Donald Duck) Thibault. Nominations will be opened again next meeting, Sunday afternoon February 24.

Installation of officers will be held Saturday evening April 5th, the Annual Past Commanders banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. and installation at 8:30 p.m. Don't wait for an invitation, this is it. The affair will be held at the Pequot cafeteria owned by the Pequot Mills, on Lynch street, Salem, same place where it has been held for the last three years. Donald Duck Thibault and Max Perry are co-chairmen, the address is 16½ Chase street, Salem.

Last meeting we voted in a new member (Huckle Berry Finn) Paul Galivan formerly of Battery E 101st F.A. also served in the navy during W W II. We proceeded to elect him Chaplain to make sure he attends meetings, and help me to defend myself, as we were both in Bat. E 101st F.A. We also initiated him to our penny ante game, when I left he was in the chips, and Cmdr George Bingle was crying that he was behind, you can't always win, George. (Old Man River) Max Perry was digging in his money belt. Charlie Koshgarian dug up a few pennies out of the secret compartment in the heel of his shoe. Nap Leblanc put in a few in the satchel he carries around. Count Laforme went in the ladies' auxiliary closet and got some loot out of the sugar bowl . . . Mailman Ernie Pelletier, had some hidden in the rear of the latrine. Johnny Burbine got some out of the compartment of his car. Chie Long Looks Mud Hole (Gus Madore) says: me, I'm going to buy me a new Teepe with the loot.

—Donald Duck Thibault.

## SPRINGFIELD

**Commander: Earl H. Winkley**
**P. O. Box 624, Springfield, Mass.**
**Secretary: Luther D. Hackett**
**21 Bernard St., Springfield, Mass.**

At this time I would like to place my personal note against having a convention in France. I'd like to see them stay right here in the good old U. S. In my humble opinion only a minority of YD personnel could attend a convention in Paris, France. However, if I am wrong I'm sure I will hear about it before another issue of Doings is out.

One more word on the old Bugaboo, poor attendance at meetings. From a general consensus, people seem to be suffering from the well-known disease of tele-visionitus and it seems to have the knack of glueing people to their homes, especially YD people. The cure is easy, come down to the meetings on the first and third Fridays of each month. The meetings are over before 10 o'clock, set yourself in a

chair and watch the fights on the club television, very simple isn't it?

Once more, let's not forget our sick comrades at home or in the hospitals, namely, George Lyons at Rutland, Peter Carjay at Cushing, Walter Gilligan at home, Bill Ferrier at Chelsea, Frank Regnier at Northampton, Bill Chestnut at home, Eddie O'Connor at Mercy hospital and Frank Rogero at the Wisson hospital. Drop them a line.

After the Food & Home Show, the next big event sponsored by the Chapter will be the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus on July 4th at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield. It was thru the efforts of P.N.C. Dennis Brunton that the Chapter will be able to lend their name to such a magnificent show.

One more word in parting, an invitation to 104th members who will attend the reunion. Make the club your headquarters when in Springfield.

—Hugo Scagliarini.

# DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Commander: Clarence L. Anderson, 139 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H.**

**Secretary: George Baker, 6 Holman St., Nashua, N. H.**

STATE MEETING

Meeting held in Nashua, N. H. at V.F.W. home on Quincy street, Sunday January 28, 1952. The meeting opened at 3:15 p.m. with Commander Anderson in the chair. The minutes were read and approved by the Commander. Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The Commander appointed a Ways and Means committee as follows: Comrade French, Nashua; Comrade Fallon, Manchester; Comrade Shepard, Portsmouth. Comrade Dept. Chaplain got up and said it was time we nominate and elect a nominating committee. And proceeded to nominate as follows: Comrade French, Nashua; Comrade McDermott, Lebanon; Comrade Dunlap, Manchester; Department Cmdr. Anderson, Portsmouth. All members were elected unanimously; and then nominations were open for a representative from the State of New Hampshire for the National Nominating Committee, and National Commander nominated Dept. Cmdr Anderson, who was also elected. And then nominations were open for National Committeemen, and Comrade George French was nominated and elected.

In the National Convention to be held in Paris in 1953 National Commander Dell Isola has asked Comrade French who was over this past summer and who has taken a lot of fine pictures if he would go around National with him and show the boys the pictures so as to give them an idea of what the old front looks like now compared to what it did when we were there back in '17 and '18. Comrade French said he would go if he had a chance and wasn't too busy when the Commander wanted him to go.

Before the meeting broke up Comrade Fallon representing Manchester Chapter, asked the Dept. to hold their next meeting in Manchester, February 17, 1952, the Department accepted.

Department meeting February 17, 1952. Nominating Committee Report: Commander, Harold Fallon, Manchester; Senior V. C., John Chesson, Nashua; Junior V. C., Edward Dame, Portsmouth; Treasurer, John Ross, Portsmouth; Chaplain, Albert Carlisle, Lebanon; Historian, Shirley Luscombe, Manchester; Judge Advocate, George French, Nashua; Service Officer, Edward Bennett, Portsmouth.

Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the report be placed on file, and that the election be held at the next Department meeting.

—George Baker, *Secy.*

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MANCHESTER

**Commander: Shirley B. Luscombe**
**237 Jewett St., Manchester, N. H.**

**Secretary: Karl H. Byam**
**405 Hanover St., Manchester, N. H.**

Regular meeting was held at Manchester A. L. Post No. 79 with 16 members being present. "Red" Biron, Arthur Gilmore and Herve Grenier served an oyster stew with seconds and thirds for each member and auxiliary member. Too bad more members won't come and enjoy the meetings plus the lunches after.

The Hospital committee visited the hospital at Manchester giving out the usual cigarettes, plus good cheer. They found the following members on the

sick list at the hospital: Charles Savage, 103rd MG; Charles "Rocky" Merrill, 103rd MG; Fred Gleason, Company C 102nd Inf.; Ralph Scott, E Co 103rd Inf.; Roland Selves, 103rd Sup. Co.

The nominating committee of John Dunlap, Eustis Perron and Lester Horton brought in a slate of the following for 1952-53 officers: Charles Weaver, Commander; Harold Fallon, Senior V. C.; Charles Bailey, Junior V. C.; Walter Moulton, Sec. & Historian; Shirley Luscombe, Treasurer; Ralph Edmunds, Chaplain; Edgar Riggs, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Anyone who is interested in running for one of the officers please notify the Commander.

Understand one of our members was nominated for State Dept. Commander last Sunday at Manchester. The Manchester Chapter had endorsed Harold Fallon at the last meeting for State Commander so that the Chapter wishes him luck on his new office — if elected.

The April Party committee is formed with Commander Luscombe, Chairman; Bailey & Edmunds the rest of the committee. Get ready for your free dinner and entertainment sometime in April when we have our installation of officers.

—Karl H. Byam, *Secy.*

**PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER**
**General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter**
**Commander: Clyde R. Greene**
**90 Stark Ave., Dover, N. H.**
**Secretary: Ormond York**
**211 Circuit Road, Portsmouth, N. H.**

The first ball to be held by the General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter YD of Portsmouth, was held March 17th at American Legion Home on High St. with between three and four hundred attending. Special guests of the evening were as follows: Mayor

of Portsmouth, Theodore Butler and his wife; National President Betty Fallon and Harold Fallon, of Manchester, N. H.; Dept. Commander Clarence Anderson, Dept. Pres. Ellowean Anderson, Atty. Thos. Flynn of Portsmouth, Commander Naglund and his wife from the Naval Base, Commander Green of the local Chapter, Mabel Ross of the local Auxiliary, John Ross, chairman.

During the evening a desk set was presented to Atty. Thomas Flynn by the Dept. Commander Clarence Anderson for services rendered during our past convention.

The grand march was greatly enjoyed, ending with a large YD in centre of floor, everyone singing one stanza of God Bless America, taps was sounded with everyone at attention. Music was furnished by John Howe and his orchestra, many compliments on his music.

We wish to thank all those who helped to make our first ball a huge success — John Ross, Chairman; Mabel Ross, Albert Shephard, Thelma Shephard, Myron Peabody, and Ellowean Anderson.

# DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

**Department Commander: John L. Mallon, 56 Grumley St., Pawtucket, R. I.**
**Department Secretary, Albert Plant, 846 Main Street, Pawtucket, R. I.**

## PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

**Commander: Fred J. Grandchamp**
**61 Leading St., Johnston, R. I.**
**Secretary: Howard W. Hunt**
**25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.**

*Providence Chapter, YDVA meets the first Wednesday evening in every month, excepting July and August. Visitors are always welcome.*

Well comrades, I'll have to apologize for not having anything in the last issue of Doings, but, as you know, I've been sick and in the hospital for a short stay and was unable to get anything written up. No one else seems to want to fill in so consequently the blank.

On Thursday evening, February 7th, Providence Chapter, YDVA, paid tribute to its Past Commanders and held a Past Commanders' night party at Johnson's Hummocks, 245 Allens Ave., Providence, R. I. The dinner was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., but because there was such a good gathering they sort of lingered over cocktails and at the bar and delayed the beginning a little. The gang was in an unusually festive mood and everyone was in good spirits by the time we sat down to dinner. Johnson's, as usual, served a delicious steak dinner, and it really melted in your mouth so they tell me. Favorable comments were heard all around.

At the conclusion of the dinner Commander Fred Grandchamp called the meeting to order, a salute to the colors was given and the meeting was open for the conduct of any business. It was moved to dispense with all business except the initiation of one new member, comrade Alfred Robilotto. This is the first time in many a month that a new member has been initiated into the Chapter with all the ceremony connected with such initiation. Even though it was accomplished under difficult conditions it was very impressive to say the least. Commander Grandchamp should be complimented for his efforts. I hope that more of the serious side of being a member of such a grand organization as YD can be carried out in the future. At the conclusion of this ceremony Commander Grandchamp turned the rest of the evening over to the Chairman of the committee for this Past Commanders' night party, Chaplain Arthur E. Hanson.

Here again a champion at arranging parties, Arthur did himself proud in the conduct of the further proceedings. The following guests were asked to stand and take a bow:

National Commander Michael Dell Isola; National Secretary H. Guy Watts; P.D.C. Gardiner Hall of Connecticut; P.D.C. Joseph L. Bourget of R. I.; P.D.C. Al Shabbott of R. I. and P.N.C. Lawrence H. Cook of R. I. Lady guests present were our National Commander's pretty and attractive wife, Mrs. Dell Isola; Mrs. Henry J. McCarthy, wife of our deceased comrade P. C. Henry J. McCarthy; Mrs. Raymond J. Taylor, wife of our deceased comrade P. C. Raymond Taylor. Also asked to take a bow were Mrs. Lawrence H. Cook; Mrs. Edwin Devine, wife of our deceased comrade Dr. Ed. Devine and Miss Gleason.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Bangor Rubes a four-piece orchestra that kept the gathering in a happy mood by their style of singing and acting while playing. I think everyone enjoyed them immensely.

Of the fifteen Past Commanders the following answered the roll call to rise and say a few words: PNC Cook; PC's Mara, Kelly, Murray, Davidson, Whitman, Vickery, Bresette, and Kittredge. Absent were PC's Mulcahey, Dunn, Crescenzo, and Mitchell. Of the absentees we had no report on PC Mulcahey. PC Dunn was at home ill and unable to attend. PC Mike Crescenzo sent a nice letter which was read by Chaplain Hanson and I'm sure if Mike could have made it from Atlanta, Georgia he would have been here and our good friend and comrade PC Johnny Mitchell has again answered the call to serve his country. This is his third call, having served in World War I with the Yankee Division; in World War II with the Air Force and now he is in the Philippines with the Army Air Force.

Our National Commander Mike Dell Isola, one of the youngest and snappiest Commanders we have ever had, gave us an interesting talk on a portion of the Commander's prayer when he opens the meeting — "Instill us with the spirit that actuated our war time service, when we were all for one and one for all." He emphasized that if each one of us would become instilled with that spirit the YD could not help but grow and prosper and be a force for good in the community, state and nation. He stated that as of this date we had reached the total membership of last year. We still have several months to go and he hopes to be able to obtain the thousand new members that he promised before he leaves office in June. It will require some hard work and a little cooperation from all. Dwelt briefly on the coming convention in Gloucester, Mass., and of the projected trip to Paris, France in 1953 for a convention. He thanked the Chapter for inviting him to the dinner and expressed his delight at the enthusiasm and good comradeship exemplified at the gathering.

Following this we held a short Memorial Service in tribute to our two deceased Past Commanders — Henry J. McCarthy and Raymond J. Taylor. As the Chairman rapped the gavel for all to arise, the lights were extinguished revealing a centerpiece with two lighted candles and beautiful white carnations standing out in the darkness. While the gathering stood in silence, Chairman Hanson eulogized the two Commanders, taps was sounded by Spud Murphy, then as each Commander's name was clearly and distinctly called out a candle was snuffed out. This was another feature which Providence Chapter has not followed out with the seriousness that it deserves.

Our two guests of honor, Mrs. Henry J. McCarthy and Mrs. Raymond J. Taylor were called on to say a few words and both expressed their personal thanks for being privileged to sit in with us. Mrs. Edwin Devine was also called on to speak a few words.

Another year has rolled around and who knows how many of us will be on hand to attend another of these wonderful parties. I sincerely hope we all will and that we will be able to have many more of such occasions.

Our March meeting is to be sponsored by the members of "Co. C" 103rd Machine Gun Battalion. Further news of this event will appear in the next write up. As in years past, it should be a whale of a party.

If any paid up member of the Chapter is not receiving his Chapter notices or his "Yankee Doings" it may be because of a wrong address and your failure to notify your Secretary. If such be the case, won't you please send your Secretary your new address in order that this condition can be corrected.

Our membership is not up to what it ought to be and we do not like to continue dunning you to join. In fact it shouldn't be necessary to harp on membership — every good and true YD man should be on the band wagon without being coaxed — won't you join up NOW. You will be paid up until June 30th 1952 and aside from being a member of the finest Divisional organization in the world you will receive regularly your copy of "Yankee Doings". Send your dues ($4.00) NOW to the undersigned at 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

HOWARD W. HUNT, PDC.
*Secretary-Treasurer*

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Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday of each month, excepting July and August. Visitors always welcome.

Providence Chapter, YDVA, met on Wednesday evening, March 5th in the Harrison St., Armory. It was rather a bad night, rainy, slushy and cold and only a few braved the elements. It was too bad too because the boys of Co. "C", 103rd M.G. Bn., were the sponsors of this meeting. The committee headed by Jim Thomas and Arthur Hanson did a pretty good job.

Commander Grandchamp called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. and held a short business session.

A communication from Apremont Chapter, YDVA, announcing that they would be host to the State Dept. meeting on March 15th was read. They are going to put on a ham dinner with all the fixings to paid up members who send in notification of their intention of attending the meeting. It was voted to set up a special flower fund to take care of sending flowers to non-members of the Chapter, (YD that is) and such other cases as the Chapter decides should receive flowers. Commander Grandchamp gave a report on the doings of the National Executive committee. He has attended every meeting since his election to office. A nominating committee consisting of Guy Kittredge, chairman; Wm. Bresette; Jake Eaton and Dave Davidson was appointed by the Commander to bring in a slate of Officers for the Chapter at the April meeting. The election will take place at the May meeting with the installation at the June meeting. Incidentally at the installation meeting I understand the Chapter is going to throw another party free to all paid up members. This concluded the business of the Chapter and the meeting was adjourned and turned over to the toastmaster of the evening comrade Arthur Hanson. He called upon the commander of Co. "C" 103rd M.G. Bn Veterans Assoc., Bill Stang who spoke briefly. After that the entertainment got under way. We were entertained by a magician and other acts for more than an hour. A good collation followed. Commander Grandchamp had his stable model television on hand so the boys could watch the fights. All in all it was a good evening despite the small attendance. Those who did not come out missed a good time. It was reported that comrade Roy Simpson's wife is in the South County hospital and that our good friend and comrade Bob Eley has been in the hospital. Our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery for both.

Providence Chapter will next meet on April 2nd. Try to come out and support your officers. We are not the only ones that have a sick Chapter but there must be some way that we can put new life into the outfit and get ourselves back to where we used to be. If you have any ideas please don't hesitate to write to me or to Commander Grandchamp, or to any of us for that matter, and we will be glad to bring them before the boys for discussion. Let's not let the YD die out. "Keep YD Alive."

HOWARD W. HUNT
*Secretary-Treasurer*

# DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

**Dep't. Commander: Thomas H. Porter, Box 318, Saybrook, Ct.**
**Dept. Secretary: Gordon W. Stevens, 63 High Street, East Haven, Conn.**

STATE MEETING

Meeting opened in form by Comdr Tom Porter at 3:30 p.m. Chaplain Clarence Smith read the opening prayer after which Cmdr Porter called up the comrades for 30 seconds silence in honor of our departed comrades.

Cmdr Porter called on the following to stand up and take a bow. PNC's Al Herman, Ben Bourne and Edgar Miller. PDC's Fred Hirsch, Clyde Beckwith, Gardiner Hall and Bill Thompson, also Doc. Keating.

Chaplain Smith reported visiting the following comrades at Rocky Hill and Newington, Frank Moran, Harry O'Neil, Cook from N. Y. Chapter, Frank Minerau, David Jolley, David McCullom and Sal Scandone.

PNC Al Herman reporting on the YD banquet to be held at "The Towne House" 174 Crown St., New Haven, May 17th at 8:00 p.m. Cost of the tickets $4.00 per person. This is not a stag so bring your wives or lady friends.

The acting secretary then read the report of the nominating committee which submitted the following slate of officers for the coming year. Commander Paul Caravatt, Sr. Vice Commander James Meikle, Jr. Vice Commander Ray McNichols, Treasurer Sam Marcus, Chaplain Clarence Smith, Service Officer John Carter, Americanization Officer Erick Erickson, Judge Advocate Dwight Chapman, Legislature Ben Bourne, Historian Jeff Blanchard. Commander Tom Porter called for nominations from the floor, none were made. Motion made to close nominations. Clarence Smith announced he wished to resign. Cmdr Porter was nominated to be Chaplain. Motion made to elect the complete slate as submitted, the secretary casting one ballot.

Comrade Comcowich of Valley Chapter read a reply from the State Dept. of Finance and Control

regarding State employees being paid while acting as a delegate from a veteran's organization to a national convention and quoted a section of the letter.

"It is State policy to grant authorized delegates of the veterans' associations who may be State employees time off to attend conventions of their organizations. There is no reason why any State employee who may be elected or appointed as a delegate to the National Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association at Gloucester should not be granted permission to attend the convention without loss of time or vacation privileges."

PNC Edgar Miller moved that Cmdr Porter be nominated for the National Nominating Committee.

PNC Ben Bourne moved that the Dept. of Conn. YDVA go on record as submitting the name of Howard Titus as a candidate for National Commander. The motion was carried unanimously. Bill Thompson moved that the secretary write a letter to the National Headquarters in Boston submitting the name of Howard Titus as a candidate for National Commander.

The May meeting will be held in Willimantic, placed to be announced later.

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At a recent State Department meeting Al Herman and Fred Hirsch were appointed Chairman, and Co-Chairman respectively to form plans for a gala reunion dinner.

Following the State Department meeting held in Meriden, the committee met and agreed on the formation of necessary committees and other essential items in connection with the dinner. The following is a report of that meeting.

The dinner will be known as the Memorial Dinner Reunion, to be held on Saturday evening, May 17, 1952 at 8:00 p.m., at the Seven Gables Towne House, 174 Crown St., New Haven, Conn. Price of the dinner is $4.00. This aforementioned price includes a seven course dinner (prime rib of beef or one other choice to be named later) tax, tip, and excellent variety entertainment.

This is an opportunity we of the 17 Connecticut YDVA Chapters have long looked forward to. Promoting a Memorial Dinner Reunion to pay homage to those of our Connecticut YD comrades who have crossed the great divide; and have received their just reward: "Blessings that they have not died in vain."

Dress for the dinner will be informal, however if you have a uniform or just a beret please wear it.

Listed below is the complete roster of committees as of now, in the very near future a group of ladies will be asked to serve on some of these committees.

General Chairman—Al Herman
General Vice Chairman—Fred Hirsch
Secretary—Gordon Stevens
Treasurer—Henry Woods
Local Chapter Chairman—Commander & Secy.
Entertainment Chairman—Fred Hirsch
Ticket Chairman—Ed Coulombe
Ticket Vice Chairman—Al Lindgren
Publicity Chairman—Jack Carter
Publicity Vice Chairman—Gordon Stevens
Memorial Services—Ed Miller P.N.C.
Distinguished Guests—
Ben Bourne, Wm Thompson, Earl Carter, Gardner Hall, Sam Marcus, Dr. Chas. Sprague

The committee who extends this invitation to you, your wife, or lady friend, promises you an evening long to be remembered. We cannot urge you too strongly to secure your tickets now, from your chapter commander or secretary, as the seating capacity is limited. Comrades, it is fitting that during the month of May we are to hold our first Memorial Dinner Reunion, come meet with your "buddies" of the gallant 26th Division, and in the same token pay your respects to those who are no longer with us. Remember this is a dinner for Connecticut men; we shall have our guests for the evening, and also a few friends from nearby, but it is you, you fellows from Connecticut we want to see.

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## BRIDGEPORT

**Commander: Eric A. Erickson**
**263 Hawley Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.**

**Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo**
**1928 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.**

Our last Chapter meeting was a good one and why not a number of the old gang turned up, for instance Mr. Jack Shultze and his Mrs. Dr. Sprague who found a little time from his busy work to come up to see the boys as he always calls us, and it was fine to see Elmer Troland who also was able to make it. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cockerton who have always worked hard to make the YD click, and many others that were there to help things along.

But the reason that it was such a good get-together is because of the next meeting to be held at Shultze's Hitching Post Inn by invitation of our good member — a good time is promised to all, members can bring their wives. Arrangements to be worked out and members notified.

The State Committee Dinner in May was talked about and will be attended.

For a moment we saw our fast traveling member Samuel Marcus who just returned from Rocky Hill hospital where he spent a few weeks to rest up and undergo repairs, so that he may keep up his good work for the veterans in general and the YD in particular, so it was nice to see him on the job again, what makes him run no one has yet found out.

So in all it was a fine meeting hoping it will be followed by others like it.

—Sam Zolo.

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## BRISTOL
## MONT SEC CHAPTER

**Commander: John W. Larson**
**Unionville, RFD, Burlington, Conn.**

**Secretary: Will N. Salladin**
**153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.**

Mont Sec Chapter held its regular monthly meeting at our YD camp in Plainville, Friday night, February 8th. Our women put on a feed for us and paid for it too, some fun. They also made the dessert themselves — pies galore, and cakes too, with real cheese to go with it. We did away with all regular business and just had a good time.

The next Sunday we went to Meriden to State meeting also a bang-up good time. I tried hard to win one of the many prizes they raffled off, but as usual I guess you have to live right. Some comrade from Bridgeport won a pipe and as he doesn't smoke one he gave it to me and boy it's a honey. I've got at least 50 other pipes but I like that one best, so you can't always tell what you'll get out of a State meeting, so why don't you try coming and see, maybe you should try it Sunday the 9th of March, when Mont Sec will try their hand at playing host to the State Dept. at the YD camp in Plainville, Route No. 177, 3:00 p.m., come and see how we do it.

Our Chaplain Charlie Goodreault just married off the last of his brood, last Saturday. See in the papers police officer of the Torrington Police Dept. Oliver passed away, some of the Co M boys will remember him. Henry Cote's dogs got some blue ribbons in the New York show, suppose that's the main topic of conversation at the Anglers Rest where he and Val Pilon make their living these days.

Well not much more of interest here in the Bell city this month that I can think of.

—Bill Salladin, *Secy.*

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## HARTFORD

**Commander: George J. Farnsworth**
**49 Lawrence St., East Hartford**

**Secretary: Arthur A. Dunham**
**200 Fern St., West Hartford 7, Conn.**

Another page in the history of the Hartford Chapter has been closed with its annual dinner commemorating the division's entry into the 'front line' trenches in World War I.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 9th a 'smorgasbord' dinner, an entertainment program, films through the courtesy of the Army of World War II in Europe, with our National Commander Michael J. Dell Isola, and our good old friend Col. Harold J. Smith, USAF, from Langley Field Base, Va.

Our past Mayor and YD comrade of W W I, Dennis P. O'Connor, was toastmaster, and like his predecessors did the job in fine manner.

Our National Commander while making the long trip to Hartford had some trouble with his car, so he was late with his National Sergeant-at-Arms, Albert J. Shepard, of Portsmouth. However missing some of the acts of entertainment, and having their 'smorgasbord' in the kitchen, they did manage to make the head table before the speaking program.

Al Shepard and Jack Farquhar, of N. Y. City were called upon to make remarks on YD.

Our National Commander gave a short report upon the YD Association and enthusiastically got to talking about that 'pilgrimage to Paris in 1953.'

As far as Michael J. is concerned there's nothing lukewarm about this trip. It does mean that you will have to save a few pennies, but also Mike will have the French Government behind it so that a dollar is going a long way, in making this trip one of the best YD or any other organization ever dreamed about.

In February 1941, long before World War II was thought of, we had the very distinct pleasure of having our Past National Judge Advocate Harold J. Smith, come down from Boston to give us a little talk. His subject that evening was 'unpreparedness'.

Harold won the hearts of all YD comrades in Hartford as well as the 'front page' the following morning in the Hartford Courant.

With World War II, Harold was back in uniform with the U. S. Air Force, and has remained up to the present as Colonel, stationed at Langley Air Base Field, Va.

With the knowledge that Colonel Smith has, by his long military career, he stated that as far as the armed forces were concerned he could assure us that they were holding their own, but to the veterans and civilians alike who were not part of the military would be doing its best work by becoming part of the civilian defense, particularly in the Eastern states, where a great deal of the industry for war is produced.

The March meeting was 'sports night' for the Hartford Chapter, and Harry Anderson and John urtin, took good care of that.

The April meeting will be for the nomination of ficers with the usual entertainment and luncheon ollowing. The May meeting will be the installation of the newly elected officers.

So comrades in the Hartford area, if you have been missing some of these meetings, come along down to the Danish Hall the first Thursday of each month.

While the responsibility of membership falls upon all of us who wish to see YD live, let us get out to re-up all the 'old birds' we had in this outfit, and with the few YD men of World War II in this area, let us interest them so they can do good by riding along with us. It's not all TV that has interested you old bucks in not coming to meetings, let's face it, it's your old age.

Our present commander from World War II, George J. Farnsworth, from that good old 104th has done his duty well, and with but a few months to go, I think we can be sure that George will stick along.

Just imagine how these birds in Hartford like to have some other outfit than their own mentioned. My face is red.

—John Goss.

## MERIDEN

**"Feegel-Tyler" Chapter**

**Commander: Dr. David P. Smith**
**199 West Main St., Meriden, Conn.**

**Secretary: Earl Carter**
**100 Madison Ave. Ext., Meriden, Conn.**

By the time you receive this issue of Yankee Doings my year as your Commander will be about over and it has not been a hard job and I enjoyed the honor very much.

There is not too much to report in the activity line but we did hold a meeting every month on the last Friday of the month at Veterans of Foreign Wars Club Rooms at 8:30 p.m. At some of the meetings the attendance ran from four to fifteen. There were a couple of cases in which we helped out members in trouble and also helped some of our deceased members families as regards pensions and taxation rights. Of course these are never published and only those that do the work are aware of it. As there is bound to be more and more of this work to be done as we grow older it is apparent that more members should take an interest. This leads up to the fact that we must soon have another election of officers. You will be notified by mail as to when and I ask you to come and get in the spirit and make it a contest. It is not a hard job to be Commander and that Past Commanders' Pin is something to be proud of.

In my notes I find a few that may be of interest, for instance, Mr. and Mrs. Ken. Church had a nice vacation in Florida just returning a few days ago. Of much pride to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gemske is the fact that their son, Joseph R. has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Fred Bellerose is back in the Colony Chickery now located on Hall Avenue. Capt. Fran Higgins saw the March of Dimes go over the top but he is a little thinner. We are all glad for Tony Meyers and his family, they sure had a close call. Stan. Rokawski now back at his old stand, Pinards, after a couple of months illness. Bill Vallery still in Newington, five months of it. He has nothing but praise for Staff and hospital. Thanks all that have written him or called on him. Frank Savage up at Rocky Hill hospital, a long time. Joseph Luby home from Newington after amputation of left leg. On Feb. 10th the Connecticut Dept. came to Meriden for the monthly State meeting. It was a success all the

way and the credit must go to the women that ran it. In the past we have had to draw on the treasury for these meetings but this one gave a profit of about $30.00. The real spark plugs were Mrs. Howard Matteson and Mrs. Fred Bellerose. Thanks to all the ladies that worked in the kitchen, etc.

With regret I have to write and tell of a terrible accident that involves Pete Knox son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Knox. Pete is a student at the University of Vermont and suffered a broken neck last month. At first it was thought that he would be crippled for life but latest reports say he will be alright in about six months. It will take a lot of endurance and suffering but we are all pulling for him. The address of the Knox family is 560 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, N. Y. —Earl Carter, *Secy.*

## NEW HAVEN

**Commander: Edgar Coulombe**
**28 Kensington St., New Haven, Conn.**

**Secretary: Gordon Stevens**
**63 High St., East Haven, Conn.**

At the last regular business meeting held on Feb. 14th we had a good turn out, but of course there is always room for a few more. The treasurer reported that there was a balance of $310.87 on hand and $1000 in U. S. Bonds at maturity. The Senior Vice reported that our membership has climbed to 107. Chaplain reporting on sickness stated that Sal Scandone is at St. Raphael's hospital, Doc Dolan is ill at home and Justin Minor is also ill at home. The Commander named a nominating committee to bring in a slate of officers for the coming year.

A great deal of the meeting was taken up with the discussion of securing new quarters for the Chapter's meeting place. There is a great deal of work to be done at our present meeting place, and whether we do it ourselves or it is done by the owners of the building it is going to cost us money either in materials and hiring workers or in an increase in rent. Our rent has been increased once in the past few months. It is planned to take over some suitable place away from the center of the city, do what ever necessary repairs have to be done to suit our wish and use it for ourselves as well as rent it to others that may need a meeting place or to groups that wish to hold dinners or receptions. No doubt you fellows will be hearing more about this later.

If you have the State Department news in this issue you are thoroughly familiar with the plans that are being made for a Memorial Dinner Reunion at the Seven Gables Towne House, 174 Crown St., right here in New Haven. Tickets will be ready by March 9th, requests are all ready coming in, so don't get left out. Get yours now! Call Ed Coulombe or Al Lindgren as they have charge of the tickets locally.

## NORWALK CHAPTER

**Commander: Henry E. Woods**
**154 Gregory Blvd., West Norwalk, Conn.**

**Secretary: Albert W. Herman**
**3 Alden Avenue, East Norwalk, Conn.**

Regular meeting of the Norwalk Chapter was held March 15, at the YD Dugout. There was a large attendance including a visitor from Lynn chapter. George A. Holt formerly of Lynn, is working in and around Norwalk as an Army inspector attended our meeting, we hope sooner or later we will claim him as one of our own. We hope Lynn Chapter won't mind too much.

Under election of officers, Cleveland C. Brown was elected Commander; Harold E. Anderson, Sr. Vice; James Coppola, Junior Vice; Henry Woods, Chaplain; Al Herman, Secretary and Treas.; William Adams, Historian; Alex Sinski, Sgt-at-Arms; Trustees Samuel Polley, Elwood L. Broadway, and Henry Woods.

Officers will be installed at the annual Seicheprey Dinner April 19, which will be held at the Roger Ludlow Hotel, So. Norwalk, Conn.

The committee is working real hard to make our annual affair the best ever. New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford and new chapters will attend as they have in past years. Plans are in the works to have the National Commander and National Secretary Guy Watts attend this year's dinner. And so will Betty Fallon, National President. The ladies of our YD Auxiliary will be in charge of the tickets, and the men folks will see to it that every one that attends the dinner will be taken care of in proper style. Our outgoing Commander Henry Woods will be as usual acting as maitre d'hotel, head waiter to you guys from the sticks.

Don't forget the biggest event of the year the State YDVA dinner in New Haven, Connecticut, May 17, 1952. More about it later, tickets selling like hot cakes, get yours early. —A. Herman.

**WINDHAM COUNTY CHAPTER**
**Willimantic, Conn.**

**Secretary: Gardiner Hall**
**South Willington, Conn.**

**Commander: Harold Gray**
**Hebron, Conn.**

Commander Harold Gray, Secretary Gardiner Hall and Euclid Pimpare attended the Past Commanders' dinner held by the Providence Chapter on March 10.

Staff Sgt. Stuart W. Keating sailed from Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday February 5th for Europe. He will be stationed in Germany. As soon as he is settled his family will go to Germany also. He has three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray will open their home at Hebron Center on Friday evening for a public card party for the March of Dimes fund. Mrs. John Markham, chairman has announced that the party will begin at 8:00 p.m. Prizes and refreshments.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

**Commander: Carl Pelander, New York City, N. Y.**
**Secretary: John Farquhar, 75 Woodbine St., Brooklyn, N. Y.**

**PHILADELPHIA**
**"Quaker City Chapter"**

**Commander: William C. Drollinger, Jr.**
**9819 Woodfern Rd., Bustleton, Pa.**

**Secretary: Arthur C. Raver**
**5321 No. Howard St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.**

Our column missed the last couple of issues, but, 'better late than never."

I'm glad to report that our attendance the past two months has improved — maybe the "good old days" are coming back. Our membership looks healthier now with 24 paid up. For those of you who have not yet come across, we hope you will as soon as possible. You can send your dues to the Secretary-Treasurer at the above address. If you pay by check, please make it payable to: Philadelphia Chapter, YDVA. Remember, dues are $3.50 for the current year.

Bill Drollinger has added another little Drollinger to his growing family. Everyone is doing nicely, thank you. It was a girl this time. Ward Hinds reports that his family is doing okay now. At last reports, "Boston" Kelly was still a bit under the weather.

The next big event for us will be a special meeting to be held on February 23, 1952 when our honored guest will be National Commander Dell Isola. We are all looking forward to a very enjoyable evening in which to become better acquainted with Mike. Hope we have a large attendance — it would be nice to make a good showing for him. We expect to get the lowdown on National Headquarters latest plans and projects.

Plans are moving right along on our annual installation banquet to be held in May at the Melrose Country Club here in Philly. Right now we are busy collecting ads for our banquet program. This is the first program to be attempted since 1949 and everyone is sure it will be successful. All the members will be kept posted on this banquet through our monthly news sheet. We are thinking about digging up some local talent from within the Chapter for entertainment rather than bringing in outside people. I know that "Brownie" and Greg could keep us in stitches most of the evening with their stories.

Saturday evening, March 15, is another date for you to keep in mind. That's the date for our next "Open House" at Chick's Dugout. We always have a lot of fun at these shindigs, so everyone plan to attend.

Next regular meeting will be March 7 at the Dugout, 3533 N. 11th St. in Philadelphia. See you all there.

—Art Raver.

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February and March were certainly busy months for us. Honestly, I don't know where the time goes, but it sure "fugits". The attendance at our February meeting was a bit better than in recent months and the Chapter went busily ahead with plans for our installation banquet in May. This year it will be held at the Melrose Country Club in Philadelphia. The menu — baked ham — the price $4.00 per person. I think that is very reasonable in view of today's food prices. Drinks can be bought separately at the bar — we thought it would be

better that way. And something else this year that we haven't had in the past will be music and dancing afterward. This will take the place of regular paid entertainers and everyone thinks it will work out much better.

The club has a spacious dance floor so there will be plenty of room for everyone. All in all, this looks to be one of the best banquets we have had and I hope everyone will set aside the night of May 10, 1952 as a very special night during which they will have the time of their lives at the Melrose Country Club.

A special meeting was held on February 22, 1952 at which our guest was National Commander Dell Isola. He was accompanied by his Sgt-at-Arms and several other members from the New England area. The meeting was a success, since we had a chance to carry our gripes right to the "top brass". Our questions were answered fairly and at the end of the meeting everyone felt that the difficulties between our Chapter and the national organization had been successfully resolved. From now on Commander Dell Isola can be assured of the Philadelphia Chapter's support.

On Saturday, February 23, 1952 a delegation consisting of Chick Frazier, George Linthicum and Art Raver attended the National Executive Committee meeting in New York. It was the first meeting attended by George and me, and we learned much about the operations and policy-making of this group. We saw that these men are truly YD. They have the best interests of all the members at heart and are doing their very best to operate the association properly. Your National Commander has many problems facing him today. A large proportion of them he has inherited and I say that we should all give him our full support in his attempts to solve them.

At our March 7 meeting the election of officers was held, and the following will be installed at our May banquet:

Commander—John Schork
Senior Vice Comdr—Jim Corrigan
Junior Vice Comdr—Simon Teblum
Chaplain—Frank Gallagher
Sergeant-at-Arms—Ward Hinds
Historian—Don Ross
Trustee (2 year term)—Bill Brown
Trustee (3 year term)—Lou Wintner

All these officers are good men and we all wish them good luck in the coming year.

We have another new member we wish to welcome to our Chapter. He is Serafino Saitta, Co. "A", 101st Infantry, who joined us in February.

The Ladies Auxiliary (bless their hearts) have presented our Chapter with YD auto flags which will be used whenever we form motorcades, such as on Memorial and Armistice Days. Presentation was made at our March meeting by Dorothy Raver, President. We all join in thanking you ladies for this gift.

Our open house party held at the Dugout, March 15, was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed singing the old songs and watching "Brownie" cut up. Also Jim Corrigan and wife cut a few fancy Irish steps for us. Jim is pretty spry and you should see his footwork. The party didn't break up until the wee hours because some of these songs have innumerable verses and we used all of them (my gracious! I didn't know that the verses were so risqué!).

Now don't forget about the May 10 banquet. It's going to be our biggest and best, so everyone should attend. Hope to see some of our friends from the New York Chapter. I met some swell people up there at their banquet.

See you all on May 10.

—Art Raver.

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## NEW YORK

**Commander—Michael S. Justynowicz**
**108 N. 8th St., Booklyn 11, N. Y.**
**Secretary: Edmund C. Polakowski**
**30 East 42nd St., Room 1701, New York 17, N. Y.**

Here they are:

Commander—Michael S. Justynowicz
Sr. Vice Commander—Carl E. Pelander
Jr. Vice Commander—Lawrence I. Hammer
Treasurer—Rolf P. Nerder
Secretary—Edmund C. Polakowski
Sgt. at Arms—Wilfred S. Saxton
Chaplain—John "Buck" O'Brien
Service Officer—George Swerlick
Trustees—John Copley, John Farquhar, John Babich, William Phelps, William Cowie

Yes, friends, those are New York Chapter's officers for 1952. Counting out the secretary, they are a grand bunch of men, and well deserving of

the office elected to. Perhaps I should say the office deserves the man selected.

Last February 23 witnessed their installation. It was then that each one vowed to uphold the spirit, principles and ideals of the YD. We need have no fear but that they will more than do their job. I reiterate, a finer group of men could not have been elected to office.

It was wonderful to meet some old friends once again. I might add that it is always our out-of-town guest who really makes our New York Chapter affairs the success they are. Incidentally, the winner of the cuckoo clock which was so graciously donated by our Col. Jim Colbert on duty in Germany, was one Mr. Sparvell from New Haven. May he live many a year to enjoy the call of the cuckoo.

To those who for one reason or other could not stick around quite long enough to enjoy the drinks and fun after the dinner, we beg their forgiveness. If not for the delay which I assure you was beyond our control, there would have been time enough for everyone to indulge on the house. This same delay, which many of you know the cause of, cut our entertainment short. The entertainers were here and ready in plenty of time. They were waiting for their cue. Despite it all, it was a lovely party.

I should like to take this opportunity to apologize to all those who met with difficulty in getting their reservations. Here again it was beyond our control. But whatever the reason or cause, I, personally, assure you, that you will receive much better attention next time.

Here is a little advance information. I understand the American Legion is going to hold its national convention in New York this coming August. Just for curiosity's sake, would you be kind enough to let me know if you would be interested in a YD Reunion Party such as we had in 1947?

Yours in comradeship,

—Ed Polakowski, *Secretary*.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

**Commander: Palmer J. Werner, 7638 Twelfth St., Detroit, Mich.**

## OHIO

**Commander: Francis V. Baldo**
**1374 Sunset Road, Mayfield Height, Ohio**
**Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan**
**RFD 4, Park Road, Painesville, Ohio**

The new officers of the Ohio Chapter elected at the March meeting are:—

Commander, Francis V. Baldo; 1st Vice Cmdr, Walter A. Haak; 2nd Vice Cmdr, Ben Zuchowski; Adjutant, Fred Flahavan; Finance Officer, Steve Gohring; Chaplain, "Ted" Gonsalves; Historian, Pete Sinclair; Sergeant-at-Arms, Emil Yurcik; Trustee, Fred E. Bastel.

We are glad to report that Erich Reich is now home recuperating. Also that John McGloin has returned from Crile Veterans Hospital where he was for two or three weeks.

The plans for the installation, which will be held at Taunton Inn on May 3rd, have been completed by the committee, so that everything is now in readiness.

—Fred E. Bastel.

## CHICAGO

**Commander: John F. McNulty**
**840 No. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park, Illinois**
**Secretary: John L. Donovan**
**64 West Randolph Street**
**Chicago 1, Illinois**

After reading the February issue of Doings it has occurred to me that Gardner Hall of Connecticut can rely on one Ducky Thibault to organize the P. D. C. Club, and more power to you. If you need additional help, call on our most august and respected member, Ed O'Connell of Chicago, and I'm sure he can aid and abet you in your crime.

Now, Ducky, you state, "Why don't you run for Department Commander of the Middle West?" It's a short story, but this poor buck private believes that said honor should go to those who really can carry on the spirit of YDism better than he can. This being St. Patrick's Day I'm telling you this with a straight face and not a dhrop to dhrink this day. I suppose they are "Rolling out the Barrels" in South Boston today, but you guys from Salem wouldn't know about that. Cohen knows.

Our *genial secretary* states that he has been too busy to have any meeting since January, but will try and correct that from now on. He states that at the last meeting the few old faithfuls showed up, but enough to hold a meeting. You guys back east are in for some more shenanigans from Chicago, as the members present voted to re-submit the resolutions, sponsored by Chicago, asking for a new set-up as far as National Officers go. It is wished that our antiquated by-laws be corrected. Our secretary must have his fling in his old age.

The Secretary also informs me that the next meeting of the Mid-West Department will be held in Detroit some time in April. Here's hoping Cleveland assists in making this meeting a success. Maybe some of the big brass can attend.

On this glorious day, Shamrocks to O'Connell, O'Hubbard, O'Donovan, O'Brennan, O'Micone and that grand Irishman from Worcester, O'McNulty. A thorn to McNape, McFick, McCrowell, et. al. for not attending. —O'Cohen of Chicago

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**DETROIT**

**Commander: John Matthews, Jr.**
**3031 Hillger St., Detroit 14, Mich.**

**Secretary: Palmer Werner**
**7638 12th, Detroit 6, Mich.**

Our February meeting was our best get-together in months. Even ran out of beer and had to go out for more. This was the first time all our chow was eaten in a long while. We had a short business meeting to put away some correspondence and pay some bills. Then had a whale of a card game going whilst the usual foursome played pinochle. The poker game provided some interesting winners. Was our first get-together since our Christmas grab bag party which didn't go over too big due to our lousey weather.

Incidentally the fellows want to know what happened to that YD History of World War II that we bought and never received. They think I spent the dough on Scotch.

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Detroit Chapter held their March get-together at Chet Spudowski's new house and a good time was had by all. Our long lost Carl Teeter finally showed up. Say, have I mentioned about John Dolan's new daughter? We've been thinking that some girl had cornered Chet Stepnakowski but he showed. Pete Sady oratorically showed who our historian is in a round robin. There was eats and drinks galore and you fellows who didn't get around missed something the gang who attended didn't. See you next month.

—Palmer Werner, *Sec'y-Treas.*

# DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

**Commander: William Baltin, 1461 S. Holt Ave., Los Angeles 35, Calif.**

**DENVER**

**Rocky Mountain Chapter**

**Commander: John D. Hull**
**517 Magnolia St., Denver, Colo.**

**Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter**
**1559 Logan St., Denver 3, Colorado**

Present at the February meeting were Commander Hull, Chapin, Ellis, Leavitt and Vetter. Chapin, absent for some months, had been busy helping his son erect a new home. Letters were received from Guy Watts who enclosed a letter from Ted Cole, formerly from New Hampshire, now living in Dove Creek, Colorado. Harry Hubbart, who has moved from Springfield, Illinois to Columbus, Indiana wrote a very interesting letter and enclosed a "buck" for the "kitty". Lt. Col. Preston wrote from St. Paul, Minnesota and enclosed three dollars as a contribution for flowers for the funeral of Doctor Morris. A card was received from Paul Pinnt, former Orderly of General Edwards. A copy of a "Y. D. Connecticut—Who's Who On the Highways" was received.

Doctor James I. Morris, died after a long illness, at the Denver Veterans' hospital on Sunday, January 20th. The funeral service, which were held on the 23rd were attended by ten local YD'ers, six of whom acted as pall bearers. Burial was held in the plot of the Lowry Post of the V. F. W. The doctor, a native of Rhode Island, was a member of B Battery, 103rd F. A. and served with the 26th Division from its beginning. He was gassed in October of 1918. He was for many years prominent in local VFW circles and was a charter member of the local YD Post. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Morris of Cranston, Rhode Island.

At our March meeting, seven of us were present—Hull, Ericson, Ellis, Chapin, Murray, Harmon and Vetter. Ted Cole, formerly of Walpole, New Hampshire, now living in Dove Creek, Colorado, sent in his application for membership this past month. Ted served as Corporal in "G" Co., 103rd Infantry in W W I. This is the same outfit in which Roy Doyle, also a Corporal, served. Several Sundays ago, I enjoyed the hospitality of Fay and Mrs. Chapin. After church and a fine Sunday dinner, we went for a drive and inspected the new home which Chapin and his son built, doing all of the work themselves. On the way home, we stopped at the home of Paul Pinnt, former Orderly for Gen. Edwards and collected his dues for the year. Paul is now employed as guard at the Denver Federal Center. Murray celebrated St. Patrick's Day down at Duffy's Tavern. Jim, how about letting us bill you and your jig as an added attraction some meeting night. Might be able to bring out a few more members. —Art Vetter

## LOS ANGELES
### (Southern California Chapter)
**Commander: Roland D. Hussey**
**niversity of California, Los Angeles, Calif.**
**Secretary: George K. Mitchell**
**9645 E. Craiglee St., Temple City, Cal.**

As Commander Roland Hussey was unable to attend the February meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter, Past Commander Volney B. Gilson presided at the business session and appointed a Nominating Committee to bring in a report at the March meeting at which the annual election will be held.

Ben Crawford, 101st Sanitary Train W W I, a member of this Chapter, had the misfortune to be knocked from his motor scooter by a hit and run driver and suffered a broken arm and broken rib. He was taken to the Veterans Administration hospital at Sawtelle where he is recuperating.

Assistant Secretary Francis L. Town reports receipt of a letter from Mrs. Harry Ballou informing the Chapter of the death of her husband on January 30, 1952. —G. K. M.

## PHOENIX, ARIZONA
### Desert Chapter

This is more or less a letter to Yankee Doings from the writer rather than news from the newly formed Phoenix Chapter. As the charter is still among the missing I can see no point in calling a meeting. When it does arrive I will call a meeting and we will elect such officers as we may require. You Chapters that have a fairly large membership know how difficult it is to obtain a fair attendance at your meetings and you have plenty or men to draw from. Chapters like ours, Denver, Los Angeles and Chicago are fortunate if a dozen show up at a meeting but at least it appears to me that these same fellows think enough of YD to pay dues, buy stamps and otherwise do their part in keeping YD alive.

With all the talk that has been going on about membership since last July it would seem that the Executive Committee could get together and pass on our application for recognition as a Chapter. Today I drove 70 miles out into the desert country to contact a man who is an old YD man. I found him in bed and very ill but he was very happy to see me and I brought him my last copy of Doings. We had quite a talk about YD but the gang he knew are all strangers to me. He has one old buddy Bert Flemming here in Phoenix and a member of this Chapter as they both served in Co. C 101st Eng. if any of you old YD men from that outfit happen to read this, drop a line to Roger Binner Chandler Heights, Arizona.

Read the January Doings from cover to cover and it seems that every Chapter is asking for new members or old ones to pay up. As Jimmy Durante would say 'What a Catastrophe'. A lousy $2.50 and you have to beg them to pay their dues. To me, the fact that I get the Doings once a month is compensation enough for that kind of money as I can read what a lot of old friends are doing and also the affairs being run by various chapters.

Got a letter today from Larry Cooks old Sgt-at-Arms Mike Creszenzo who is now in Atlanta, Georgia. Far away from home but he still reads Doings and took time out to send me a letter. Guys like that pay dues because they are proud to carry a paid up card. I read with regret the passing of a good friend Bill Murphy. One by one they go. God rest their souls.

It is a good thing we have some of the old standbys who keep the news of their chapters in the Doings year after year. I often wonder who is going to follow in their footsteps. Keep it Alive Stamps certainly won't do the job but paid up mem-

bers will so why don't some of you delinquents dig down and get up the measly amount for dues that is holding this great organization together. It's too bad that more men never had the chance or pleasure of hearing Al Herman do a job of selling YD. If Al could reach them all, membership worries would be over.

The Paris convention for 1953 sounds good so start feeding the piggy bank now.

I hope I will be around to get on the boat, and I do mean boat. No flying for me. Let's hear more about the plans. Having taken up my alloted space I'll sign off hoping by next month we will be able to report that the Desert Chapter had a meeting. Drop in and say hello if you are in this neck of the woods. You're always welcome. Glad Mrs. Rudy Heftye got home safe. —Dinny O'Holbrook

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By the time everybody has a chance to read this the most colorful event of the Southwest will have come and gone. The annual Phoenix Rodeo holds this annual event March 21, 22, and 23rd. The big parade which opens the rodeo is completely all horses and if you ever looked at some wonderful horseflesh you would get your eyefull here. Some of the most beautiful Palomino's with trappings that cost a fortune. Everybody gets into the act during rodeo days and the natives and visitors alike dress up in western attire. The gals really get dressed up and it has all the appearance of a gigantic movie set. Real Cowboys, Indians, Mexican, beautiful Senoritas and of course the Dudes from the Northern and Eastern States trying to make like a real Westerner. I'll bet Cowboy Sullivan would bet a bang out of the show and at least he would look the part. I would like to see Knocko riding the Old Gray Mare in this parade. Shades of Southie.

Well thanks to Guy Watts we finally got our Charter and have had it framed, but due to an epidemic of flu which has put about everybody between the sheets I did not dare to call a meeting. Bad enough to have it yourself without giving it to others. The weather as usual has been very good but we did get an extra allotment of rain this season which of course is a very welcome addition to Arizona. The baseball training season is under way and the Giants are in Phoenix, Chicago Cubs at Mesa and the Cleveland Indians at Tucson, so if one is a baseball fan there is plenty of activity in that field. Racing is also under way at Arizona Downs. Go a good one in the 6th.

I see that Chet Grant is working hard to put on a convention in Gloucester. It sure is a nice town to have a good time as the 104th well knows. We had a swell time there twice. Wish I were able to make the trip back home. Good luck Chet. Everybody down here is just about the same so if any of you guys or gals come this way for a visit drop in and say hello, we could stand a few more to make it interesting. —EPH

# NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

**National President: Betty Fallon, 578 Spruce St., Manchester, N. H.**
**National Secretary: Minnie Gilliam, 29 Dellwood Rd., Worcester, Mass.**

### National President's Message

Have been on the sick list so long that I am unable to tell you any real news. The business of the Auxiliary has been carried on by our faithful Senior Wice President Helen Rea and all the other National Officers. Minnie Gilliam, National Secretary has kept me well informed on all the activities which will appear elsewhere in this issue.

I do want to thank all you loyal YD boys and gals for the many, many lovely cards, letters and remembrances I received during my five weeks stay in the hospital. You can't keep a good YD'er down and I am starting out again February 22nd. Hope to see you all soon and enjoy your good fellowship.

—Betty Fallon,
*National President*

### National Secretary's Message

After the snow storm on February 17th that caused so many to miss the meeting at Haverhill, Mass., and we understand, plenty of "Good Food"—we were very happy to see the March 16th meeting, at YD Club, Boston, Mass. so well attended. All the National Officers were present.

We were honored to have the President of the newly formed Gloucester, Mass. Auxiliary Mrs. Gertrude Colby, with us, and do hope she enjoyed the meeting.

The June Convention at Gloucester, Mass. is a very important issue with us just now,—time is getting short—and we can all help to make our meetings at this convention, short, interesting, and worth while, if we do as much of the preliminary work as

possible prior to June.

By so doing we won't have to spend most of our time at meetings, and we will be able to enjoy seeing Gloucester, and visiting with the YD Comrades from other Chapters as well as our own, and still not neglect the real purpose of the Convention.

Pres. Marie McDonald and her Boston Aux. are to be congratulated on the lovely lunch served at this meeting. The table decorations—inspired by the nearness of St. Patrick's Day, were very pretty, and L. E. McGonagle looked charming in her Green-Stove-Pipe Hat. (Major Ed. Bird took this hat back to Worcester with him, and wore it at the March 17th Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner sponsored by the YD Chapter — He looked the picture of Old Ireland in it.)

Minnie Gilliam and Alice Bird took along their new YD suits to let the members see what the finished project looked like; the results — WONDERFUL. Most every member wants a suit now, and we hope all interested in having the suits for Convention, will order the material, at once. In case you want the pattern number again, it is McCalls 8730 for the half size, and 8218 regular.

A few Auxiliaries have not as yet sent in the per-capita-tax; may we remind you again "It's later than you think".

Next National Auxiliary meeting, April 20th, at YD Club, Worcester, Mass. Please try to attend, and keep YD Alive.

MINNIE GILLIAM,
*Nat. YDVA Aux. Sec'y.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Mrs. Loretta Huntley**
**980 State St., Springfield, Mass.**
**Secretary: Mrs. Louise Thibault**
**16½ Chase St., Salem, Mass.**

State Department YDVA Auxiliary meeting held in Worcester YD Club Sunday February 3, 1952. Report was given by the Hospital chairlady on the coffee hour held at the Soldiers' Home January 13th and a vote of thanks was given to Catherine Reimer for the success of this affair, she also reported that there will be a beano party March 1st at Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, expenses paid from the proceeds of doily raffle, this doily to be given at the next Dept. meeting in Northampton, March 2.

The annual conference of Women's Patriotic Conference is to take place Sunday February 24th at Faneuil Hall, Boston, Mass., all YD Auxiliaries have been invited and they are requested to bring a gift.

Sick list reports that Mrs. Mary Butler, 14 Fairfield St., Worcester is laid up with a broken ankle and Mrs. Eddie Poudrier, Riverside Drive Northampton, Mass. Nominations and election of State officers will be held March 2 at Northampton, Mass. Installation of a new auxiliary Sunday, February 24th at the Legion Home, Gloucester, Mass., at 3:00 p.m. Wishing you success in your new auxiliary and the best of luck to all the officers.

—M. Louise Thibault, *Sec'y*

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## DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Mrs. Ellowean Anderson**
**139 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H.**
**Secretary: Mrs. Thelma I. Shepard**
**37 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H.**

Jan. 27, 1952.

The Chapter of Nashua invited us to hold our meeting there the same date the boys held theirs. We had a good meeting with Portsmouth carrying the ball as usual, and with the aid of two from Manchester. We donated to the State Polio Fund as this was a State meeting. Our suits were discussed and cloth delivered. I know of three of us who have them all finished and I love mine.

The Nashua boys sure know how to serve a lunch, it was tops and thanks a million.

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Feb. 17, 1952.

Our meeting was called, but the day was terrible. Not enough present to hold a meeting. So, Edna Blidberg and Dell Horton played hostess to Mabel Ross, Ellowean Anderson and myself, in the kitchen to a coffee party. The Chapter had a meeting but guess their ladies thought the snow would take the curl from their hair so stayed in . . . Sissies.

Al and I went to see Betty Fallon after the meeting and had a grand visit. Boy, can Harold cook. Hang onto him Betty, as a good man is handy around the house. Betty looks good after all she went through, and hope she will soon be out around our YD times. We got home all O.K. (for all the weather they gave us) at 11:30 and I'm so glad that we stopped by to see Betty.

—Thelma I. Shepard, *Dept. Sec'y*

## YDVA AUXILIARY OF PORTSMOUTH

**Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards Chapter**
**President: Mrs. Mabel Rose**
**134 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.**
**Secretary: Mrs. Thelma I. Shepard**
**37 Concord Way, Portsmouth**

Our regular meeting was held Feb. 1st at the Community Center. We were invited to the Chapter's room to hear a guest speaker on the subject of running a dance, March 17th and what the Chapter benefits would be. A check for $125.00 was given to them at this time to seal the bargain and the Chapter presented the Auxiliary with one-half of the amount and we are to be on the committee. I wish some of the other Chapters thought as much of their ladies as ours do. We would have more auxiliaries.

Donations were made to the March of Dimes and the Red Cross.

A Past President pin was presented to Mildred Hillman by our Pres. Mabel Ross. The pins are beautiful so we decided to present each outgoing Pres. with one.

We are having a rummage sale March 1st, at 134 Middle St. and guess that is all for now.

I was in hopes that I could report on our Bingo party at the hospital but it seems somebody, (not me) got their dates all crossed up. They promise you a date five months in advance then they add on a couple more. I didn't know they were so many organizations in surrounding Portsmouth that we couldn't get in only once a year. Makes our hospital work rather slow. We want to do the work, but how can we, maybe it will work out some way, somehow, sometime.

—Thelma I. Shepard, *Sec'y*

## YDVA AUXILIARY HAVERHILL

**President: Mrs. Jennie Jalbert**
**17 So. Central St., Bradford, Mass.**

**Secretary: Carrie E. Rowell**
**11 Henry St., Haverhill, Mass.**

Since our installation we have had two very nice meetings with our new President presiding, Jennie you are doing fine.

Our Senior Vice Alice DeLoria is planning a hospital party at the Quigley Memorial for Sunday, March 30 and I know it is going to be a success.

The National Executive meeting was held here Sunday, February 17, being such a bad day not many attended, but girls you missed a very nice lunch, put on by our capable Past President Catherine Hamilton. By this reading the Tarletons will be back from their trip to Florida, better weather there than here just now.

Hope to have more news next time. Oh, by the way, was very sorry to hear about the National Chaplain Mary Butler laid up with a broken ankle, and that our National President is getting along slowly, cheer up Betty, hope the worst is over.

—Carrie E. Rowell, *Sec'y*

## NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER Y.D.V.A. AUXILIARY

**President: Frances Packard**
**61 North Main St., Florence, Mass.**

**Secretary: Lillian Poudrier**
**303 Riverside Drive, Northampton, Mass.**

The local YD chapter entertained its auxiliary Saturday evening at the chapter rooms in the old high school building. A turkey supper was provided by the men under the chairmanship of "Chef" Ernest Tetrault, and Comdr Pete Poudrier was master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Alfred Dubois. On the general committee were all the men, and it was reported that "our gracious ladies gave us a sincere and hearty voice of approval of the affair." Michael O'Connor, department commander, was very much in evidence by his supervision of a number of details that contributed greatly to the success of the meal. For once, it was the pleasure of not preparing a meal that pleased the women, and they also "suffered" the pleasure of seeing just how well their men can perform the duties of K. P.'s if they should have to.

In the social hours that followed the bountiful repast, the one and only Thomas (Rube) Lennon sang the "Battle Hymn," entitled "Clancy's Wooden Wedding," and those present said "that boy can do it today as well as he did back in 1917-18." Col. Leon Lavallee supplied a few parlor stories that were thoroughly enjoyed. Marty Winninger supplied music and card games were enjoyed. A beautiful pair of YD book ends donated by John P. Bombard as a door prize went to George Latham.

Mrs. William (Elsie) Greenough, as president, voiced the pleasure and thanks of the auxiliary to the men for their efforts to provide a pleasant evening.

A total of 28 sat in at the dinner, and the men hope to again have their "gals" as guests at a not-too-distant future time. At the close of the affair the chapter congratulated Ernie Tetrault on a job so very well done.

## GLOUCESTER CHAPTER YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Mrs. Gertrude E. Colby**
**4 Dexter Place, Gloucester**

**Secretary: Miss Lois McDonald**
**140 Prorspect St., Gloucester**

Mrs. Gertrude E. Colby was installed the first president of the newly-formed auxiliary of the Gloucester Chapter of the YDVA at an installation which took place in Legion hall Sunday at 3 p.m., with Mrs. Loretta Huntley, state president of Springfield, as installing officer, and her sister, Mrs. Lillian Braz, as installing sergeant-at-arms.

Alderman Chester H. Grant, past state commander of the American Legion, brought the greetings of the city and as a YD member, spoke of the good the auxiliary could do in conjunction with the chapter.

A letter of regret from State Commander Michael O'Connor was read stating that due to a previous commitment, he was unable to attend. His representative was Senior Vice Commander Edward Streeter, who brought the greetings of the state.

Letters of regret were also received from National Auxiliary President Mrs. Betty Fallon of Manchester, N. H., who only recently returned from the hospital, and from the national chaplain, Francis X. Bransfield, former curate at St. Ann's church, who was unable to get here.

National senior vice president, Helen Rea of Boston, brought the greetings of President Mrs. Elizabeth Fallon to Gloucester and National secretary Minnie Gilliam, of Worcester, wished good luck to all the members of the Gloucester auxiliary.

The officers installed were:

President—Mrs. Gertrude E. Colby
Senior vice president—Mrs. Bernice Doucette
Junior vice president—Mrs. Helen Grant
Treasurer—Mrs. Tina McDonald
Secretary—Miss Lois McDonald
Chaplain—Mrs. Virginia Bunn
Sergeant-at-arms—Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar

Superintendent of Schools Leslie O. Johnson spoke briefly on the growing need of increased school facilities and hoped that the public and all military organizations would feel free to consult with him.

Battery A of the YD was represented by 1st Lt. John Reilly of the local battery, who brought good wishes to all.

Greetings were also brought by Major Edward S. Bird, state commander of the 104th Infantry from Worcester.

Capt. Harold G. Banta, of the Salvation Army sent his regrets at not being present but sent his good wishes for the success of the auxiliary.

Commander Thomas C. Nolan of the Gloucester YDVA chapter, expressed his good wishes and was glad to see an auxiliary formed to help the men carry on.

Other guests present were: Comdr John W. Selig of Veterans of Foreign Wars; Comdr Salvatore Nicolosi, American Legion Post No. 3; Comdr Albert L. West, Disabled American Veterans; representative of Marine Corps, Paul Brigham; president, Mrs. Theresa Allen, Women's Relief Corps; president, Helen Rice, Spanish War auxiliary; representative of VFW auxiliary, Mrs. Miriam Maguire; president, Mrs. Flora Hines of American Legion auxiliary; president of Amvets, Mrs. Francis Powers; president, Eleanor Gray, of DAV auxiliary; Gold Star Mothers Mrs. Bridget Stoddard, Mrs. Mary Ciaramitaro and Mrs. Jane Maguire.

Representatives from the following chapters and their auxiliaries were present: Boston, Haverhill, Lynn, Springfield, Worcester and Gloucester.

Many of the president-elect's fellow members of the American Legion auxiliary were present and the president Mrs. Flora Hines, presented her with a bouquet of flowers from her friends in the unit. Samuel L. Colby, husband of the president, also presented her with flowers.

Gifts were presented to the installing officer and sergeant-at-arms and to Mrs. Henrietta H. Wheeler who played the piano for the newly-elected president.

A table decorated in the YD colors, gold, national blue and French blue, was set up in the center of the hall laden with refreshments served by the men

of the local chapter. Candles and flowers of the same colors completed the colorful setting.

The men in charge were William G. Doucette, Thomas C. Nolan, Curtis B. Clark, Joseph McDonald, Harold W. Dunbar and Frank Parks.

The auxiliary was the recipient of a beautiful Bible, the gift of Mrs. Carrie Rowell of Haverhill, past national president of YDVA.

Mr. Colby also presented a gavel and flag stand of unique design.

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### YDVA AUXILIARY OF MANCHESTER

**President: Mrs. Betty Fallon**
**578 Spruce St., Manchester, N. H.**

**Secretary: Mrs. Eula Loxton**
**R. F. D. 2, Manchester, N. H.**

We were all glad to welcome our president, Betty Fallon back at our March meeting. It seemed good that she was able to be out and in her old place once more. Everyone was talking of the nice time they had at the YD ball and Catherine Perron was given a rising vote of thanks for her work in securing the fashion show for the ball.

At this meeting the Nominating Committee brought in a new slate of officers and Edna Blidberg was elected president for the coming year. These officers will be installed at the April party.

After the business meeting lunch was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary to the YD boys.

—Eula Loxton, *Sec'y*

### WORCESTER YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Signe Nute**
**2 Preston St., Worcester, Mass.**

**Secretary: Mary T. Boyd**
**13 Chilmark St., Worcester, Mass.**

This month brings the end of this fiscal year under the guidance of our President Signe M. Nute. We have had a very happy and prosperous year with a full cooperation from officers and members alike. We made a substantial amount of money and spent the same on the boys and members of our Chapter who were ill during the year, also we had a beano party for the boys in the Rutland Veterans hospital. We enjoyed spending our money on these occasions and hope we didn't neglect any of the boys.

—Mary T. Boyd, *Sec'y*

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### YDVA AUXILIARY OF OHIO

**President: Bessie Sinclair**
**6303 Snow Road, Parma, Ohio**

**Secretary: Doris Smart**
**3573 East 135th St., Cleveland, Ohio**

The Cleveland Auxiliary held its election of officers at Hotel Allerton (our regular meeting rooms). The following members were elected to the corresponding offices: President, Bessie Sinclair; 1st Vice Pres., Peggy Bednar; 2nd Vice Pres., Johanna Baldo; Treasurer, Gretta Wells; Secretary, Doris Smart; Chaplain, Lillian Flahavan; Historian, Florence Shaw; Sergeant-at-Arms, Roberta Tingler; Trustee, Ann Gohring.

We expect to have our installation in early May. This will be a joint party given by the Chapter.

### "D" COMPANY 101st

Saturday afternoon and evening of January 26th old Company D members enjoyed themselves very much at the "Camp" West Pond, Plymouth. Thirty from the outfit were present, D. Sullivan and Alexander were janitors and the two stoves were red hot when the gang arrived at three p.m.

Our old skipper Sheriff Chas. Robbins was general chairman for the day assisted by our Pres. Frank Monish, Vice Pres. Louis Morton, John Cadman, Mel Sampson, A. J. Heath and Dave Dale.

After a short business meeting when plans were discussed for a grand party for our great comrade the sheriff some time in May, we sat down to a

baked ham, potato salad and home baked bean supper.

Ralph Matinzi told a few of his stories as did Artie Hathaway, Monish and Louis Morton. Refreshments were well provided by D. Sullivan, Randall and Cliff Burgess.

The party broke up early at about eight o'clock.

—Earl Alexander, *Sec'y*

## ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT AND THE 101st INFANTRY AT THE YD CLUB

The pale moon was shining above 200 Hundred Huntington Avenue, and above the roof of that historical old edifice that is one of the avenues outstanding bits of architectural structures, the stars shone brightly — as the stars are always won't to do whenever Irishmen and their ladies meet. Beneath the roof of the Club song and story rose above the noisy greetings of the veterans of the 101st Infantry as they mustered for their annual gala 17th of March reunion.

Too innumerable are the names to record. Suffice it to say, they ran the gauntlet of Irish names from Ahearn to Zablonski. True Irishmen need not have names beginning with the letter 'O', no, to you who are not of Irish extraction, they can and do begin with the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

It is a true thing to say that without the intestinally stamina of the Irish the Yankee Division could not have, would not have won its many honors on the fields of combat from Hell to Heaven. Yes, my friends they have won honors on all fields in peace as in war.

The finest thing about an Irishman is that he can laugh and sing no matter the circumstances. If you don't believe it you should have been at the YD Club in Boston on the night of March the 17th.

But of all the Irish I know it seems to me that those who were once members of the 101 are the proudest. The older they grow the more sure they are that they once belonged to, and as a matter of fact still do, belong to the FIGHTINGEST IRISH OUTFIT that ever wore the uniform of the only true free country of the world.

Give an Irishman his freedom and you've won a friend.

Take it from him and you have an implacable enemy.

That is one of the many reasons the YD has always been a success, we have always allowed our members of Irish extraction to have their freedom of expression and action whether his name is Ahearn or Zablonski.

## 'H' CO. 101st INFANTRY VETERANS ASSOC.

MONSIGNOR BOUCHER GUARDS

We were glad to read in the last issue of the Yankee Doings that at a recent State meeting of the Dept. of Connecticut of Al Herman presenting a loyal comrade of 'H' Company, Sam Marcus with a PDC button for his many years of loyal service in the interests of the YDVA.

We regret to announce the death of George Bonfiglio on January 28, 1952, he was a very active member of H Co., until his health failed and a familiar figure at all YD conventions, he was a Past Commander, North End Post, VFW, a delegation of H Co. attended the services, Joe Silvetella, Vin Monapello, Joe Bazer, John Marshall, Tony Drago, Tony Sardina and El Reardon.

Thomas (Red) Darragh was a patient at the West Roxbury Veterans' hospital recently, Tony Drago and myself paid him a visit, thanks to John (Red) Kelly of B Co. 101st for thoughtfulness in helping our comrades confined at West Roxbury.

Roland McKinnon, B Co., 101st W W I is at the Cushing General hospital, drop him a card, he will be glad to hear from the boys of B Co.

Tony Drago, Joe Silvetella, Vin Monapello, Ed Reardon and Joe Bazer were seen in a spot at Revere recently, the waitress was amazed at the speed they disposed of the oversized pizza placed before them, we were all glad to see Joe Bazer back in the fold again, take it from me there is nothing on TV that can compare with Monapello and Bazer when they start on the rib department.

Have you wrote that letter to the Padre yet?

—Ed Reardon

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE MAY 5th

## ARE YOUR YD STAMPS PAID?

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OLIVER H. P. GARRETT formerly with Medical Det. 101st Engineers W W I, died suddenly in New York City on February 22, 1952. He lived in California for many years. He was author of many screen plays. He was formerly a native of New Bedford. He had a fine record in the Engineers and showed lots of courage many times under fire.

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ROBERT J. LADUE formerly with Bty 'F' 101st F. A. W W I, died Feb. 15, 1952. His home was in Roslindale, Mass. He was with the Boston Elevated and the M. T. A. for thirty years.

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EUGENE R. ACKLEY formerly with Bty 'F', 102nd F. A. W W I, died at Nashua, N. H., March 7, 1952.

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RANDOLPH PERRY formerly of Bty 'B', 101st F. A. W W I, died February 6, 1952 at the West Roxbury Veterans hospital. Funeral services was from his former home in Watertown. He was a member of the YD Club of Boston and YDVA.

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DAVID E. ROGERS formerly with Headquarters Troop, Div. Hqrs. W W I, died Feb. 10, 1952 at Somerville, Mass.

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RENY GODUTI, formerly with 'C' Co., 101st Infantry, W W I, died in New Haven, January 16, 1952. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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HARRY A. BALLOU, formerly with Co. 'G', 101st Infantry, W W I, died in California Jan. 30, 1952. He was a former member of the Worcester Chapter but went to California some time ago and was a member of the Los Angeles Chapter.

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WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, formerly with Co. 'A', 102 Inf., W W I, died at the Cushing Gen. Hospital, February 19, 1952. He was a former member of the New Britain Chapter.

RALPH C. NICKERSON, formerly with Bty 'A', 101 F. A., W W I, died February 15, 1952. He was a former member of the Lynn Chapter and later the Holyoke Chapter.

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HARRY G. SHELDON, formerly with Military Police, Train Hqrs., W W I, died in Providence, January 1952. Burial was at Billerica, Mass. He was a former member of the Providence Chapter.

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LUCIAN C. SIMONE, formerly with C Bty., 103 F. A., W W I, died suddenly Feb. 18, 1952 while trying to push his car out of a snow bank. His home was in Warwick, R. I. and he was a member of the Providence Chapter.

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FREDERICK W. HOYT, formerly with Hdqrs. Co., 101 Inf., W W I, died at Keene, N. H., March 6, 1952. He was formerly from Fitchburg, Mass but has resided in Keene for many years. Was member of the Keene Chapter.

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ELMER E. DAVIS, formerly of Co. 'F', 101 Inf., W W I, died at the Bronx Veterans Hospital Feb. 25, 1952 after a long illness. Burial was at Pinelawn National Cemetery. His home was in New York City, and he was a member of the New York Chapter.

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EVERETT PROUT, formerly with Division Hdqrs., W W I, died suddenly, March 10, 1952. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter. He was Election Commissioner for the City of Boston for the past ten years. Burial was at Quincy, Mass.

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ALBERT C. MAXWELL, formerly of Hdqrs., 101st F. A., W W I, and also a veteran of W W II, died March 21, after a short illness. Services were held by the Reading Chapter YDVA, V. F. W., and American Legion. He was the first Commander of the Reading Chapter YDVA and Past Commander of the Mass. State Dept. Commander YDVA.

Sympathy is extended to Walter B. Vickery of the Providence Chapter in the loss of his mother recently.

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JOHN WALKER, formerly of Co. 'A', 101st Supply Train, died March 5, 1952 at West Roxbury Veterans Hospital. He was a member of the Boston Chapter and lived in Jamaica Plain.

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CHARLES W. ROWE, formerly of Co 'A', 101 Eng., W W I, died March 10, 1952.

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JAMES D. REGAN, formerly with Co 'A', 101st Signal Bn., W W I, died after a short illness at the West Roxbury Hospital on March 17, 1952. He was a Life Member of the YD Veterans Association and the YD Club of Boston. He was an employee of the City of Boston for the past thirty years. YD Club of Boston furnished the Honorary Pall bearers and internment was at St. Joseph's cemetery, West Roxbury.

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JOSEPH A. CHAGNON, formerly with Co. 'G', 101st Ammunition Train, W W I, died after a short illness at West Roxbury Veterans Hospital. He was a member of the Boston Club.

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Checking with the Lynn Chapter on delinquent members Commander Varnum sent back the following list of members that have died and not been reported in Doings.

HAROLD COLE, 101 F. A., died Oct. 26, 1949.

ROSCOE COWAN, 103rd Inf., died June 12, 1945.

LOUIS MANNING, 101 Supply Tr., died May 3, 1951.

FRANCIS H. CASSIDY, 101st Inf., died June 19, 1948.

ALFRED W. HYATT, C Co., 101 Inf., died March 29, 1942.

MAURICE KEENAN, D Co., 103 Inf., died June 4, 1943.

FRANK C. KELLEY, 104 Inf., died Jan. 1, 1951.

PETER SAWCHUCK, died 1948.

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JEAN B. DION, formerly of Co. 'I', 101st Inf., W W I, died recently at Attleboro, Mass.

HAROLD ANGELL, formerly with Bty 'A', 101st F. A., W W I, died at Brunswick, Me., February 4, 1952.

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GEORGE N. NYE, formerly with Bty 'A', 103rd F. A., W W I, died March 19, 1952 suddenly in Chicago, Ill. He was a former member of the Providence Chapter and his home was in Cowesett, R. I.

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RAGNAR O. SWENSON, formerly with Co. 'A', 104th Infantry, died at Worcester, Mass., April 2, 1952.

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CHARLES H. NAPLES formerly of Co. 'L', 101st Infantry, WW I, died at Wesboro, Mass. February, 1952.

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ELLSWORTH W. POOLE, formerly of Co. 'A', 101st Eng., WW I, died at Newtonville, Mass., during March, 1952.

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ROBERT J. TRIMBLE formerly with the 103rd Infantry, WW I, died March 8th at Lynn, Mass.

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WALTER A. TISDELL, formerly with Co. 'A', 104th Infantry, WW I, died at Worcester, Mass., March 25, 1952.

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JAMES H. NORTHBRIDGE, formerly with Co. 'C', 104th Infantry, WW I, died suddenly at Sarasota, Florida, March 31st. Burial was at Auburn, Mass.

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GEORGE J. FANEUF, formerly with 'F' Btry., 101st F. A., WW I, died at Cushing Gen. Hospital, Framingham. Burial was at Lowell, Mass.

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LOUIS C. LATHAM, formerly with Co. 'C', 103rd MG Bn., WW I, died after a long illness on March 30th at the Davis Park Vets. Hospital, R. I.

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FRED SUMMERTON, formerly with Co. 'M', 103rd Infantry, WW I, died at the U. S. Vets. Hospital, Togus, Maine on March 20, 1952.

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